

Odawa



Painting by Frank Polson

Trails

A SILENT KILLER: BLACK ASH BASKET MAKERS ARE BATTLING A VORACIOUS BEETLE TO KEEP THEIR HERITAGE ALIVE

By **Anne Bolen**, Assistant Managing Editor, American Indian magazine



In 2014, Renee Wasson Dillard was standing near her truck, getting ready to put on her rubber boots and walk into her “honey hole”—her favorite grove of black ash trees a few miles from her Anishinaabe community on the northwest coast of Michigan. A member of the Little Traverse Bay Bands of Odawa Indians, Dillard had been making her living as a basket maker for 18 years. She visited this swamp at least once a month to find at least one straight tree that could provide wood for her baskets. Then it happened: a glimmering emerald ash borer landed on her shoulder. She knew this invasive beetle had infested the forest and her precious ash trees would soon be gone. “I just sat there and cried,” she recalls. “It was devastating.”

Smaller than a penny, these deceptively beautiful bugs have killed millions of ash trees in North America during the past two decades—and they show no signs of stopping.

Many American Indian and First Nation basket makers have relied upon black ash for its pliable, durable wood for centuries. Now this unique species is disappearing before their eyes. Yet they are not giving up without a fight. In addition to their on-the-ground efforts to protect remaining black ash, an innovative Smithsonian partnership is enabling a band of Native sister basket makers to study a rare collection of baskets that could help them keep their heritage alive.

Femmes Fatal

As have many other basket makers, Dillard first heard about the emerald ash borer from Ottawa/Pottawatomini basket maker Kelly Church. Growing up in southwestern Michigan during the 1970s, Church was in her thirties before she and her 12-year-old daughter, Cherish Parrish, decided to learn black ash basketry together from Church’s father and cousin. In 2003, she was demonstrating basket making at Michigan State University when Deborah McCullough, a forest entomologist from the institution, handed her a flier about a new invasive insect that was devastating ash trees. “My whole world changed,” says Church.

McCullough remembers receiving the call in June 2002 to go out to look at some sick ash trees near Detroit. When she pulled off a section of a tree’s bark, she was shocked: its inner bark was covered with extensive “gal-



leries,” S-shaped tunnels dug by boring insect larvae. Trees can usually survive such damage from a few native boring insects, but this was massive. “They just had larval galleries all over them,” she says. “I had never seen that on ash trees. No native insects feed on them like that.”

Researchers sent beetles collected from dying trees to Oregon State University, London’s Museum of Natural History and the Smithsonian, but experts could not match it to any known North American species, even in the Museum of Natural History’s 35 million insect collection. Eduardo Jendek at the Institute of Zoology at the Slovak Academy of Sciences, finally identified the species as

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 Netawn Klogima at netawnk@gmail.com

LTBB TRIBAL CITIZEN SEAN MILLER RELEASES DEBUT SOLO ALBUM

Editor’s note: Sean Miller, an LTBB Tribal Citizen, works as an Aankwadong Project Technician in the LTBB Gijigowi Anishinaabemowin Language Department.

By **Sean Miller**, LTBB Tribal Citizen

About a month ago, I had the incredible opportunity to put out my debut solo album, “Everywhere I Roam,” which is currently available for streaming everywhere.

I’m probably most notably known for being the guitarist and vocalist in my band, The Real Ingredients, with Traven Michaels (the Environmental Response Specialist in the LTBB Environmental Services Program) and for my previous role as a news reporter at the *Petoskey News-Review*.

However, this new project — “Everywhere I Roam” — is solely mine.

The album contains seven original songs of mine that I’ve had ready for a project such as this for some time. Most of the songs were written within the last three or four years, and I’m happy to finally have them out and to distinguish myself as a solo artist.

Since its debut, the album, “Everywhere I Roam,” has gotten some acclaim from across the world.

“...lyrically wonderful. Musically warm and soft—yet weathered and durable. A strong, substantive effort in the acoustic-singer-songwriter tradition. *Sean Miller’s* debut solo album, ‘*Everywhere I Roam*,’ is a lovely amalgamation of relatable writing, skilled and ambient execution, and



professional-grade production,” says The Arc of Music.

Other critics such as Dutcher Snedeker says, “Each track puts you in a time and place, staring up those feelings of when life had simpler meaning and times with friends seemed like they were endless. There is a feeling of nostalgia that drives the narrative in this album and it plays out like sonic comfort food.”

It’s with pride that I’ve been able to finish this record and be able to tell the story behind it and the songs.

Just over a year ago, my band, The Real Ingredients, released its own debut album, “Breaking Out, Breaking”
Sean Miller continued on page 30.

LTBB TRIBAL CITIZENS ENROLLED AS OF 4-20-2020 = 4,546

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242-1400

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242-1611

Tribal Chairman's Office

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Assistant

242-1401

Health Clinic

242-1700

Health

242-1600

Tribal Council/Legislative Office

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Community Health

(Transportation)

242-1601

Dental Clinic

242-1740

Legal Department

Su Lantz,

Assistant

242-1407

Maternal Child

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242-1614

NO Collect Calls Accepted

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242-1433

NO Collect Calls Accepted

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242-1750

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242-1540

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242-1440

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242-1621

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242-1531

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242-1584

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242-1500

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242-1429

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242-1423

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242-1581

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Genealogist

242-1521

Amanda Swiss,

Tribal Planner

242-1508

Substance Abuse/ Mental Health Department

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Administrative Assistant

242-1640

Facilities Department

Simon Kenwabikise, Director

242-1532

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Office/Intake Coordinator

242-1642

Tribal Court/Peacemaking

Program

242-1462

Education Department

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Administrative Assistant

242-1480

Tribal Prosecutor's Office

Gwen Teuthorn, Office Manager

242-1475

Gijigowi Anishinaabemowin

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Carla Osawamick, Director

242-1454

GIS Department

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Director

242-1597

Youth Services Department

Tina Dominic, Coordinator

242-1593

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Carol Quinones

616-774-9534 or 616-206-6482

Little Traverse Bay Bands of Odawa Indians

Anishinaabemowin Interpretation of LTBB Mission Statement

Debendiziwin aawan maanda Odawa aawiyiing. Geyaabi gdaaanaa miinwaa gdanwewmi Anishinaabemowin, maanda egishkaago'ing debendiziwin ebidwasiing mnaadendiziwin miinwaa wiinnaadendiziwiing. Gdabendaanaa debendiziwin kina gwaya Odawak naasaap eyaamjik, maanda naakinigewinan, maadiziwin miinwaa mndoowaadiziwin gaanaaniigaaniijik debendamowaad. Maanda debendiziwin eyaamiing nangwa, kanamaajidonaa niigaan ezhibezhigoyiing, kinoomaadwin, dbaakinigewin, giigidowin miinwaa naakinigewin. Kazhiibiignaketaanaa maanda niizhwaachiing bimaadiziwin waabi'amigak mjignamiing ninda mnaadadiziwinan echiipitendaakin: nbwakaawin, zaagidwin, mnaadendamowin, aakde'ewin, gwekwaadiziwin, dbaadendiziwin miinwaa debwewin. Kanakaazinaa ninda gdabendaaswinaanin, jimigwe'ing nakaazwinan jimnomewzi'ing, enitaanokijik maampii Anishinaabek enaapshkaamwaad maanda gbimaadziwin. Ninda eyaamiing echiipitendaakin, miigo kina gwaya maampii enjibaad jiniigaanibizad.

LTBB Mission Statement

Being Odawa is all about freedom. The Freedom to be a part of a people who, with integrity and pride, still have and speak our own language. The freedom to share in common with all other Odawak the customs, culture, and spirituality of our ancestors. The freedom we have today we will bring to the future through unity, education, justice, communication, and planning. We will reach out to the next seven generations by holding to cultural values of Wisdom, Love, Respect, Bravery, Honesty, Humility and Truth. We will utilize our Tribal assets to provide the necessary tools to become successful, hard-working community members who proudly represent our culture. With these values we will move the Tribe forward.

Contact Information

Working from home and staying safe. We miss you all!



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The Communications Department welcomes submissions for our "Lines From Our Membership" section of the newsletter, but we cannot run anything political in nature or expressing an opinion due to a long-standing department policy. Because we have a newsletter and not a newspaper, we do not have an editorial page. We reserve the right to edit any material submitted for space and content.

The deadline for the June 2020 issue of *Odawa Trails* is May 4, 2020.

You can e-mail or call your submissions in to newsletter@ltbbodawa-nsn.gov or at 231-242-1427 or 231-242-1429. Please only call in your submissions if they are short. We also welcome comments, suggestions and story ideas.

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DEPARTMENTS & PROGRAMS



LEGISLATIVE BRANCH

The Little Traverse Bay Bands of Odawa Indians Tribal Council attendance at various meetings and events											
		Emily Proctor	Julie Shananaquet	Marcella Reyes	Tamara Kiogima	Melissa Pamp	Leroy Shomin	Marty VanDeCar	Fred Kiogima	Fred Harrington, Jr.	
DATE	February and March 2020										
02/04/20	Tribal Council Work Session	X	X		X	X	X	X	X	X	
02/06/20	Tribal Council Meeting	X	X	X	X	X			X	X	
02/11/20	Appropriations and Finance Committee Meeting	X		X	X		X				
02/12/20	Youth Council Work Group	X			X	X					
02/14/20	Land and Reservation Committee	X								X	
02/18/20	Tribal Council Work Session	X	X	X	X		X	X	X	X	
02/19/20-02/20/20	United Tribes of Michigan Meeting	X		X			X	X			
02/20/20	Tribal Council Meeting	X	X			X	X		X		
03/03/20	Tribal Council Special Meeting	X		X	X	X	X	X	X	X	
03/10/20	Tribal Council Work Session	X		X	X	X	X	X	X		
03/11/20	Youth Council Work Group	X									
03/16/20	Land and Reservation Committee	X		X						X	

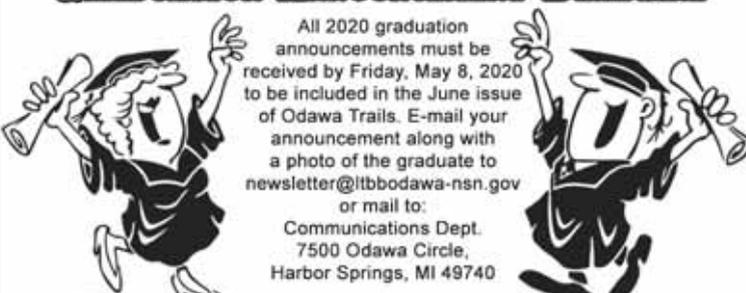
*additional recording of attendance may be reported on future report logs

IMPORTANT NOTICE

In order to help protect LTBB Tribal Citizens and workers, the LTBB Governmental Center activities and commission/board/committee meetings have been canceled until June 1, 2020. Governmental services are continuing at this time.

GRADUATION ANNOUNCEMENT DEADLINE

All 2020 graduation announcements must be received by Friday, May 8, 2020 to be included in the June issue of Odawa Trails. E-mail your announcement along with a photo of the graduate to newsletter@ltbbodawa-nsn.gov or mail to:
 Communications Dept.
 7500 Odawa Circle,
 Harbor Springs, MI 49740



**Department of Commerce
Resident Tribal Member Tax Information**

Cross Village (all)	Readmond (all)
Friendship (all)	West Traverse (all)
Little Traverse (all)	City of Harbor Springs (all)
Resort (partial)	Bay (partial)
Hayes (partial)	Bear Creek (all)
City of Petoskey (all)	
City of Charlevoix (only NORTH of the bridge)	

Resident Tribal Members are exempted from the following Michigan taxes:

- Sales Tax (currently 6% of retail price) via Form 4013
- Use Tax (currently 6% of purchase price)
- Income Tax (4.35% of Adjusted Gross Income)
- Michigan Business Tax (currently 4.95%)
- *Motor Fuel Tax (currently, 36.5 cents per gallon unleaded and 32.6 cents per gallon on diesel)
- *Tobacco Product Tax (currently \$2 per pack of cigarettes)

* All LTBB Tribal Members are entitled to the exemption on fuel and tobacco.
 *The Motor Fuel and Tobacco Product Tax exemption is available at Biindigen (tribal convenience store) located at 2169 U.S. 31 North in Petoskey, MI.
 *The Motor Fuel Tax exemption is also available at the BP station on the south side of Petoskey, MI, near the Big Boy restaurant.

Please note: Exemption for tobacco and fuel is for LTBB Tribal Members' sole consumption ONLY!

IMPORTANT REMINDER: TRIBAL MEMBERS ARE NOT ALLOWED TO USE THEIR TRIBAL ID SWIPE CARDS FOR PURCHASES OF NON-MEMBERS NOR ARE THEY ALLOWED TO LEND THEIR CARDS OUT TO ANYONE.

The current limit on tobacco purchases is four cartons per week per tribal citizen age 18 and over. The same applies to all other tobacco products (OTP) packaged in similar fashion.

JUDICIAL BRANCH

DOMESTIC VIOLENCE, GUNS, AND THE COVID-19 FAMILY SELF-CONFINEMENT DANGER

Submitted by the **Judicial Branch**

According to the National Resource Center on Domestic Violence and Firearms, there is a major concern about the impact of skyrocketing firearm and ammunition sales associated with the COVID-19 pandemic.

The odds of a lethal domestic violence event increase 500 times when a gun is introduced into the relationship. Domestic violence is already exacerbated by job loss, fear of an uncertain future and cramped quarters. Add to that the general anxiety

brought on by the current situation and odds are that domestic violence will increase, including intimate partner homicide.

Victims, concerned family members and friends are encouraged to reach out to the Center at 1-800-799-7233, or to Stronghearts Native Helpline at 844-762-8483, or to the National Domestic Violence Hotline at 800-799-7233. There are also local resources available for assistance. LTBB Survivor Outreach - 231-242-1628 and the Women's Resource Center: 231-347-0082; 1-800-275-1995. Please reach out if you are in danger.

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

TAX AGREEMENT INFORMATION

The Department of Commerce (DOC) would like to remind the tribal membership about a few items pertaining to the Tax Agreement.

First of all, I cannot express enough how important it is to keep your address updated.

The first step in becoming a Resident Tribal Member (RTM) is to officially change your address with the Enrollment Department. This must be done in writing and as soon as possible.

The DOC cannot and will not change the estimated beginning date (EBD) (which is always the first in any given month) of a member's tax exempt status (see example below).

It is YOUR responsibility to update your address on file with the Enrollment Department. This date will affect how many months you will be able to file the Annual Resident Tribal Member Sales Tax Credit (Tribal Form 4013). It is to your benefit to be able to file for the maximum number of months for this credit.

In addition, being an RTM will allow you to purchase large items such as vehicles, boats, motorcycles and off the road vehicles tax exempt.

There is a form that needs to be filled out called a "Request for TCE" (Tribal Certificate of Exemption), which is available in my office. Once this form is completely filled out, I will then issue the RTM

the actual Tribal Certificate of Exemption (Tribal Form 3998).

If you plan on purchasing any of these items, please contact me FIRST, and I will be happy to get you the form via e-mail or fax. I am also able to fax the TCEs to the dealership you are doing business with.

Being an RTM will also allow you to be tax exempt on utility bills such as phone, cable, gas, propane, electricity, satellite and cellular service. If you have not filled out a Utility Provider Survey, please contact the DOC, and I will be happy to get one to you.

Also, another important thing to remember is if you do move into the Tax Agreement Area (TAA), your RTM status does NOT take effect until the first day of the following month.

Example: I move to Petoskey, MI, (inside the TAA) on September 5, 2010. My RTM (EBD) status begins October 1, 2010. All updates are sent to the State of Michigan as close to the end of the month as possible.

The LTBB Tax Agreement is viewable on the State of Michigan's website at:

<https://tinyurl.com/ltbbmitax>

If you have any other questions pertaining to the Tax Agreement, call 231-242-1584.

Attention Tribal Businesses/Entrepreneurs!

If you would like to be on the tribal governmental vendor list for providing goods or services to the LTBB government, please contact Mandy Szocinski at 231-242-1439 or mszocinski@ltbbodawa-nsn.gov. Please be prepared to provide the following information: Name, contact information, good/services you are providing and any additional information as required. Supporting our tribal businesses is our preference. Chi Miigwech!

ATTENTION:

Fuel and tobacco exempted purchases are only available to LTBB tribal citizens for their own vehicles or consumption. LTBB citizens are not allowed to utilize their sales tax exemption for non-LTBB citizens or non-LTBB owned businesses! Making tax exempt purchases for non-LTBB citizens or businesses violates the tax agreement and may also violate applicable law. Store clerks have the right to deny any and all tax-exempt purchases that they have reasonable cause to believe are made for a non-tribal citizen or for the business/commercial vehicle of a citizen's employer. **YOU WILL THEN BE CHARGED THE FULL PRICE FOR FUEL AND TOBACCO PURCHASES.**

All citizens must remain present during the entire transaction.

EXECUTIVE BRANCH

FROM THE EXECUTIVE OFFICE



Aanii I hope this message finds you safe and healthy. COVID-19 pandemic may be the most significant challenge that many of us will ever face in our lives. I want to assure you that LTBB is responding to support Tribal Citizens with the services they need during this time. Our staffs' ability to serve all of

us in a remote capacity has been reasonably seamless and without significant disruption. This response was not by accident, the team has worked tirelessly putting remote processes in place to answer and field any interruption in services to our citizens. Many of the departments have added additional services and are working non-traditional hours to get this in place and assist in many ways.

Administration and the entire team may be working remotely. Still, I know they are spending many additional hours monitoring the financial impacts and services to ensure we stay ahead of the curve for our community needs.

I have received several reports from citizens about the positive programming, addi-

tional services, calling trees, and remote support groups. Many thanks to all the essential staff still working to provide those services. I know you are working tirelessly to support our local community to ensure we reach the other side of this challenge stronger than ever. To all the people preparing food for their neighbors, making masks for others, grocery shopping for elders, calling and checking in with staff, friends, and family. Thank you. We all need support in this challenging, stressful situation. Your work does not go unnoticed. If you know of someone going above and beyond in our community, take a moment and just thank them, it means more than you will ever know.

Stay safe and well,
Regina Gasco-Bentley.

TAX AGREEMENT REMINDER

When moving into the LTBB Tax Agreement Area, in order to become a Resident Tribal Member, you must change your address in writing at the Enrollment Department located in the LTBB Governmental Center in Harbor Springs, MI. Your RTM status will take effect on the first day of the following month in which you moved.

Please Note:

Changeable address forms are available for LTBB Citizens at www.tinyurl.com/lbbsenrollmentforms. The forms must be printed and signed by the Tribal Citizen and hard copies returned to Enrollment. We still require the form to be witnessed or notarized depending on your address.

LTBB Enrollment Office 231-242-1521

THE ENROLLMENT OFFICE NEEDS YOUR HELP!

We would like to start tracking LTBB Tribal Citizens who have completed military service or who are currently on active duty. If you are a veteran, please call us toll free at 1-866-652-5822 ext. 1521 or 1520. We will be asking you the following questions:

- (1) Name
- (2) Date of Birth
- (3) Branch of Service

This information will be used by the Grants Department.

Megwetch,
Pauline Boulton, Enrollment Officer

LTBB TRIBAL DIRECTORIES

LTBB tribal directories are available for sale in the Enrollment Office. The tribal directory includes adults' names and addresses of LTBB Citizens enrolled as of February 28, 2017, excluding undeliverable addresses and LTBB Citizens requesting not to be included.

Qualifications:

- Must include a copy of your tribal identification card
- A \$5 money order or check payable to LTBB of Odawa Indians

Mail to:

LTBB of Odawa Indians
Attn: Enrollment Office
7500 Odawa Circle
Harbor Springs, MI 49740

If you have any questions, please feel free to call the Enrollment Office at 231-242-1521 or 231-242-1520.

ENROLLMENT DEPARTMENT

ATTENTION: 2020 PER CAPITA REQUIREMENTS

We are still in the process of scanning enrollment records and linking relationships in our Citizenship Database (Progeny ES). We will be contacting you via mail if your enrollment record is missing a photo copy of your social security card.

If we **do not** have a copy of your social security verification on file prior to **October 31, 2020**, (the 2020 per capita payment distribution deadline), your per capita payment may be held or delayed in 2020.

Acceptable Verification of your Social Security number includes the following:

- Copy of your Social Security Card
- Social Security Card number printed by Social Security Administration Office

- Social Security Administration Benefit Statementa
- W-2 or 1099 form
- Pay stub containing your name and social security number
- Valid U.S. military ID card with photo (DD-2 or CAC card)
- Other official document/card containing your name and social security number.

Our goal is to not only keep our records up to date, but to make sure by working together that everyone gets their 2020 per capita check. If you have any questions, call the Enrollment Department at 231-242-1520.

LAW ENFORCEMENT DEPARTMENT

Submitted by the Law Enforcement Department

Earlier this year, there has been an uptick in identity theft complaints in the area. With the federal government sending out money from the stimulus bill, here are some tips to help keep your identity safe.

Never hand out personal information to someone who calls you. Neither the government, or any financial institution will contact you, asking for personal information. The only time when they ask for information is after you contact them first.

If someone asks for you to pay in amounts of gift cards (i.e. Apple Store cards), it is generally a scam. Before you send your money, make sure you know who or where the money is going to.

When googling a website, be sure you are on the site you are looking for. Some people create fake websites, which on the face may look like the real site, but is a copy or a fake. An easy way to spot a fake website is by looking at the URL. If the URL looks like it's missing something, or does not look like what you are seeing on the website, chances are that it is a fake site.

Tribal Citizens Fee Schedule	FEES
Replacement/Expired Cards A replacement card is lost, stolen, expired or has an address change. Free to Elders.	\$10
Tribal Directory Adults 18 and enrolled prior to 2/28/2017 Published every 4 years.	\$5
Tribal Directory Labels Requestor must provide labels.	\$5
LTBB List The list includes adult's first, middle and last names only.	\$5
Photocopies of Enrollment file First 3 copies free, \$1 for each page thereafter.	\$1 ea
Marriage License Application Certified Copies: \$10 Photo Copies: \$5	\$15
Tribal Notary Application Surety Bond: \$125 (Payable: Brownrigg Companies LTD)	\$10

Services

- Enrollment Applications.
- Address Change Forms.
 - Adults require notarization if mail is delivered to a post office box.
 - Minors require notarization annually.
- Tribal Directory.
- Marriage License Application.
- Tribal Notary Application.
- Michigan Indian Tuition Waiver Certification.
- BIA - 4432 Indian Preference Form.
- Eagle Feather Application and Re-Order Form.
- Certifier of LTBB Degree of Indian Blood.

ATTENTION ALL RESIDENT TRIBAL MEMBERS (RTMs)

If you are planning to purchase a vehicle, ORV or plan on doing any home improvements to your principal place of residence, **YOU NEED TO CONTACT ME FIRST** before making the actual purchase(s). You must fill out the "Request for TCE" form located on the LTBB website or by contacting my office. I will then issue you a "Tribal Certificate of Exemption" for such purchases. The tribe no longer uses the Refund Method, as indicated in the monthly newsletter, as of January 1, 2008. If you've already made a purchase, there is no recourse! If you have any questions, please contact us at 231-242-1584.

STRENGTHENING COMMUNITIES AND DEVELOPING LEADERS



AmeriCorps NCCC/FEMA Corps is a full-time, residential, team-based program for young adults, age 18-24 (with no upper age limit to serve as a team leader). Members develop leadership skills and strengthen communities by completing service projects and gaining life experience.

Teams, comprised of 8-10 members, complete multiple projects that address essential community needs throughout the United States. During the 10-month service term, members receive lodging, transportation, uniform and meals. Upon the completion of the program, members are eligible to receive the Segal AmeriCorps Education Award equal to the maximum Pell Grant amount: \$6095, as of Oct. 1 2018.

For more information, visit www.corps.vet

Moving?

If you move, please contact the Enrollment Office and we will send you an address verification form.

Forms are also available at www.ltbodawa-nsn.gov. Click on Offices/Government Center/Enrollment Department and click on the appropriate form. The adult form must be printed on legal size paper and the minor form on letter size paper. We will continue to add forms there in the future.

It is the responsibility of the parent, guardian or custodial parent to complete an address verification form.

If you are a custodial parent, please provide proof by documentation.

Once a minor turns 18, you must contact the Enrollment Office and complete an address verification form or we will mark you as undeliverable.

If you are incarcerated and would like to continually receive the newsletter, you must keep your address current.

Towards the end of the year, we will notify you for purposes of the per capita payment.

Adult verification form must be witnessed.

Minor verification form must be notarized.

Contact the Enrollment office at 231-242-1521 or 231-242-1520.

May Elders Birthdays

May 1

George Pamp
Elisabeth Kiogima
Carol Gagnon
Sharon Sierzputowski
Patricia Minor

May 2

William Kiogima

May 3

Barry Laughlin
Mary Powell
Robert Lasley
Luella Moore
Philip Notari
Ardene Romer

May 4

Jerry Stromske
Debra Godfrey
Laura Blumberg
Kathleen Poole

May 5

Rochell Lang
Veronica Lundin
Valerie Biro
Theodore Dayson
Joseph Petoskey, Sr.

May 6

Judith Black Feather
Nancy Wanshon
Sara Kagabitang
Dale Glazier
Robin Martell

May 7

Carole Dyer-Oudin
Brenda Ybarrondo
Shirley Firovich

May 8

Marie Deckrow
Donna Vanpelt
Mary Rivers
Robert Parkey
Reginald Dodge, Jr.
Yolanda Morrow
Charles Honson, Jr.

May 9

Debhra Robertson
Ronald Willis, Sr.
Barbara Dayson

May 10

Kathleen Deane

May 11

Eric Hunting
Catherine Anderson
William Noack
Bartholomew Gasco

May 12

Kevin Willis
Darrel Hardwick
Theodore Sineway
Stanley Kott
Katrina Woodworth
Norman Leo
Michael McKeown

May 13

Della Petoskey
Laura Lonchar

May 14

Patricia Johnson
Gloria Miller
Shirley Chippewa
Cynthia Pagels

May 15

Marilyn Napont
Melvin Napont

May 16

Eileen Dennis
Angela Hayden
Mark Delmas

May 17

Harriet Okke
Douglas Kildee
David Sky-Eagle
Susan Allen
James Weissgerber
Judith Sandoz

May 18

Joseph Parkey
Steven Potter
Christine Miles
Gregory Bernard
Barbara Morgan

May 20

Douglas Dominic
Phyllis Kaminsky
Marie Nowak
Elizabeth Johnson

May 21

Lawrence Nadeau
Daniel Portman
Donald Shomin, Jr.
David Lacroix
Thomas Antoine
Frank Honson
Lawrence Skippergosh
Edward Harrington

May 22

Dorothy Boda
Desiree Martinez
Lucile Rich

May 23

Cheryl Animikwam Samuels
Diane Trafas
Donna Newton
Brenda Schoolcraft
Duane Laughlin

May 24

Eric Johnson
Christine Shomin

May 25

Susie Searles
Sheree Gamble

May 26

John Sandoz
Patricia Szewko

May 27

Jannan Cornstalk
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George Honson III
John Keshick III
Gary Rieter
Bernard Hunting
Gregory Gasco
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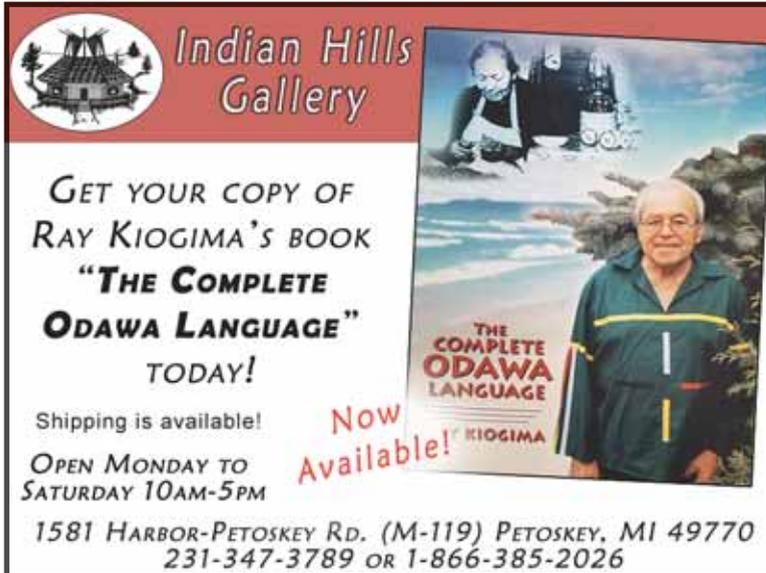
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Andrew Chingman, Sr.

May 30

Jacquelyn Connelly
Ramona Curtis
Janice Garbisch
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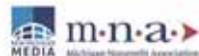
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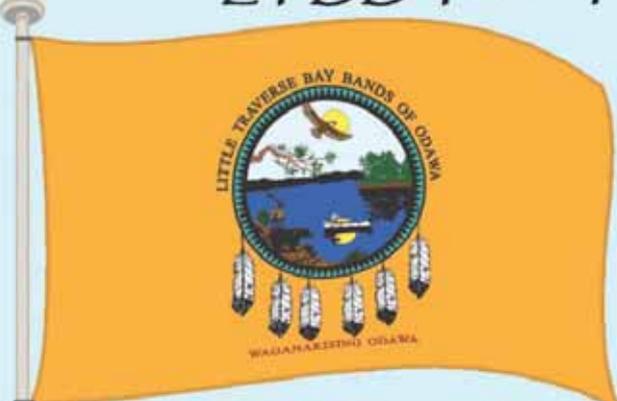
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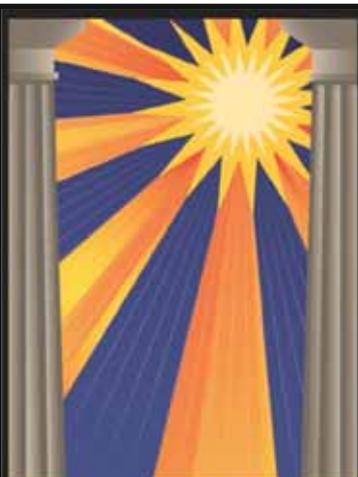
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- Battered Women's Justice Project
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- VictimConnect Resource Center
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HUMAN SERVICES DEPARTMENT

MAY IS NATIONAL FOSTER CARE MONTH

There are over 437,000 children in foster care in the United States, with over 13,000 children in Michigan alone. In May of 2019, Governor Gretchen Whitmer proclaimed May as Foster Care Month in Michigan. She encouraged everyone to, "commit to supporting our children in any way that we are able, whether by opening our hearts and homes through foster care, mentoring young people in need of guidance or donating time to help families and children in need."

The Department of Human Services at Little Traverse Bay Bands of Odawa Indians agrees with Governor Whitmer and believes that all of our children are worthy of being in a safe and healthy environment. This month is for us all to shed a beam of light on the foster care population. National Foster Care Month gives us the opportunity to highlight the most human stories and to remember that we are one community with love and hope for all its members.

Families helping families is a traditional way of Native American Nations of all types. Please help preserve our family traditions and cultures by inquiring to become a foster parent today. The Little Traverse Bay Bands of Odawa Indians Department of Human Services continues to actively seek anyone who may be interested in providing a safe and stable home for our Tribal children. Families may offer to be respite and overnight relief, whereas other families may be interested in fostering children for up to a week, one year or more. The DHS staff will help guide prospective foster parents through the licensing process, as LTBB licenses their own foster homes.

If you or someone you know is interested in learning more about what it takes to become a foster home, please call the Little Traverse Bay Bands of Odawa Indians Department of Human Services office at (231) 242-1620 for inquiries or questions.

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With compassion and community we can end violence against women and girls

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Women's Resource Center of Northern Michigan
24-Hour Crisis and Information Line: (231) 347-0082 or (800) 275-1995

SEEKING: FOSTER HOMES
Little Traverse Bay Bands of Odawa Indians
Department of Human Services
is searching for foster homes!

If you, or someone you know, have the time and desire to become a foster parent for our youth, please contact the LTBB Department of Human Services at 231-242-1620

Everyone's story is unique.
Know the youth you work with.
Listen. Advocate.

National Foster Care Month
www.childwelfare.gov/fostercaremonth

Child Welfare Information Gateway | Children's Bureau

DO YOU QUALIFY FOR THE LTBB U.S.D.A. FOOD DISTRIBUTION PROGRAM?
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Call Monday - Friday
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10 Traditional Foods for Immune System Support

<p>Elderberry In one elderberry study, symptoms of 60 people cleared up 4 days before those who took a placebo. Used in ceremonies and as medicine, tea of simmered branches is used to treat fevers, chest colds and flu.</p>	<p>Sage Sage contains over 160 distinct polyphenols, which are plant-based chemical compounds that act as antioxidants in your body.</p>
<p>Cedar Used in ceremonies and as medicine, tea of simmered branches is used to treat fevers, chest colds and flu.</p>	<p>Beans Beans are an excellent source of protein, which plays an important role in building cells, including those of your immune system.</p>
<p>Sweet Potato Sweet potatoes are rich in beta carotene, a carotenoid that converts into immune booster vitamin A.</p>	<p>Maple Maple syrup is a good source of both zinc and manganese, which are key in strengthening the immune system.</p>
<p>Mushroom Compounds in mushroom include antioxidant polyphenols, as well as betulinic acid: anti-cancer effects.</p>	<p>Salmon Fatty fish like salmon are loaded with zinc and omega-3 fatty acids.</p>
<p>Corn Corn provides fiber, which aids in digestion, plus folate, thiamin, phosphorus, vitamin C, and magnesium.</p>	<p>Strawberry Full of antioxidants and vitamin C, strawberries are excellent for fighting free radicals.</p>

NEED HELP PAYING FOR CHILD CARE? WE CAN HELP!

APPLICANT DOCUMENTS

- TRIBAL ID
- SOCIAL SECURITY CARDS FOR ALL HOUSEHOLD MEMBERS
- 30 DAYS PROOF OF INCOME FOR ALL HOUSEHOLD MEMBERS
- SUPERVISOR SIGNED WORK/SCHOOL SCHEDULE
- PROVIDER AGREEMENT

LICENSED PROVIDERS

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- STATE ISSUED ID
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LITTLE TRAVERSE BAY BANDS OF ODAWA INDIANS DEPARTMENT OF HUMAN SERVICES
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Al-Anon Meetings
LTBB Health Park, every Wednesday 7-8 pm
Use the right back door for entrance and parking.

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Strength and hope for friends and families of problem drinkers

There is no magic formula that enables you to help someone stop – or cut back - on his or her drinking. Alcoholism is a complex problem with many related issues. But, Al-Anon can help you learn how to cope with the challenges of someone else's drinking. Come ask questions, share or just listen.

231-675-7044 www.miafg.org

SURVIVOR OUTREACH SERVICES

The LTBB Survivor Outreach Advocate administers Support Services and is located in the LTBB DHS office. Assistance is available to Native American women and children who are survivors of domestic or sexual violence as well as non-Native intimate partners and their families.

Assistance may include the following:
Non-Emergency Transportation Assistance ~ Assistance with Personal Protection Orders ~ Problem Solving and Safety Planning ~ Emergency Food Vouchers ~ Advocacy and Referrals ~ Court Accompaniment ~ Relocation Assistance ~ Clothing / Toiletries

Please call LTBB Survivor Outreach Services at 231-242-1620, Monday - Friday, from 8 am to 5 pm

Support for domestic abuse or sexual assault is also available at the Women's Resource Center of Northern Michigan 24-hour crisis and information line at 231-347-0082 or for long distance callers 1-800-275-1995.

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MAY 2020 FOOD DISTRIBUTION PROGRAM SCHEDULE

Open Distribution: 11th - 15th from 9am - 3pm ~ Cooking demo on the 12th
 Call 231-881-2855 or 231-347-2573 for food pick-up appointments outside of our Open Distribution Week
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Deliveries:
 Local: 7th and 8th
 Peshawbestown: 20th
 Traverse City: 27th

For more information, contact
 Food Distribution Program
 Specialist Joe VanAlstine
 at 231-347-2573



Eating Your A, B, C's...

You don't need much of them, but you can't live without them. Vitamins are a group of 13 substances that the body needs. For the most part, you get vitamins and minerals from the food you eat.



Vitamin A is also called retinol. It is necessary for healthy vision and also helps create strong bones and teeth, as well as a strong immune system.



Vitamin D is made by the body when it is exposed to the sun. The vitamin is also found in certain foods. Vitamin D helps the body absorb the mineral calcium. It also helps build strong bones and teeth.



Vitamin E helps maintain healthy red blood cells and muscle tissue.



Vitamin B

is a group of vitamins that help the body turn food into energy. They are also needed to make red blood cells and the genetic materials DNA and RNA.



The vitamin B group includes:

- *B1 (thiamin)
- *B2 (riboflavin)
- *B3 (niacin)
- *B5 (pantothenic acid)
- *B6 (pyridoxine)
- *B9 (folic acid)
- *B12 (cobalamin)
- *BIOTIN



Vitamin C, also called ascorbic acid, is necessary for making collagen, which holds body cells together. It also aids in the healing of wounds and burns and helps build strong teeth and bones.



Vitamin K is necessary for blood to clot when you get a cut. Half of the vitamin comes from the food you eat; the other half is manufactured by bacteria in your intestines.



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1. Make an appointment at the LTBB Health Clinic and discuss with your physician if chiropractic care would be helpful for you.
2. If so, your physician will refer you for chiropractic care and your referral will be reviewed by our managed care team.

All approved referrals will be eligible for three visits and ONE medical massage per month! Patients are required to follow up with their physician annually to continue chiropractic care.

Call the LTBB Health Clinic today to get started! 231-242-1700

SMILE WITH CONFIDENCE

Elders Dental Assistance Program is now processed through the Health Department!
 Call to see if you qualify!
 231-242-1600

Don't miss out on the sounds of life.

Hearing aid assistance is now processed through the Health Department.
 Call to see if you qualify!
 231-242-1600

No Insurance? See if you qualify for the Healthy Michigan Plan!

The Healthy Michigan Plan provides health care benefits to Michigan residents at a low cost so that more people can have health care coverage. Individuals are eligible for the Healthy Michigan Plan if they:

- Are age 19-64 years
- Have income at or below 133% of the federal poverty level* (\$16,000 for a single person or \$33,000 for a family of four)
- Do not qualify for or are not enrolled in Medicare
- Do not qualify for or are not enrolled in other Medicaid programs
- Are not pregnant at the time of application
- Are residents of the State of Michigan

*Eligibility for the Healthy Michigan Plan is determined through the Modified Adjusted Gross Income methodology.

If you do not have insurance and would like to fill out an application, contact Valorie Glazier, Patient Benefits Specialist, at 231-242-1748 or by e-mail at vglazier@ltbbodawa-nsn.gov to set up an appointment today!

Maaajtaag Mnobmaadzid (Maj-tog Minowb-maude-zid) Means "A Start of a Healthy Life"

We are working towards providing services and information that will keep our infants, women and families in the best of health. There are no income guidelines to determine eligibility. We hope our services will reach all families who will be bringing an Anishinaabe baby into this world. Our program is designed to provide services needed to both parent and newborn up to the age of five years.

Maaajtaag Mnobmaadzid is designed to complement, but not replace obstetrical and pediatric medical care.

In addition to providing support and education during pregnancy, there is also a focus on helping women become and stay healthy before and after pregnancy. We affirm the sacred role of women in the community as givers of life and promote understanding of the importance of family well-being and the health of women throughout the lifespan.

For more information on Maaajtaag Mnobmaadzid, please call Carol J. Sodman-Morris, Maternal Nurse Educator for Family Spirit, at 231-242-1614.

Are You:

Currently not eligible for Medicaid?
 19-64 years old?
 Not eligible for Medicare?
 Not pregnant?
 Making under \$15,000 for a family of 1 or making under \$34,000 for a family of 4?

If you have answered "YES" to these questions, you may qualify for Medicaid due to the Michigan Medicaid Expansion: Healthy Michigan!! Please contact Valorie Glazier, Patient Benefits Specialist, at 231-242-1748 for assistance.

HEALTH DEPARTMENT

HELP TO DEAL WITH THE STRESS OF COVID-19

Submitted by the Behavioral Health Department

We are all experiencing the COVID-19 crisis. Facing the uncertainty of the future, we feel the pins and needles of angst and anxiety. Who else ran to the store when they heard that there was a shortage of toilet paper? We are stocking up on food, using sanitizer and wearing masks to protect ourselves from an unseen foe. We fill up on news about the COVID-19 crisis like an empty cup until our cup is over-flowing and we feel overwhelmed and may panic. This is a normal reaction to a situation we have not faced before!!

Keeping calm and cool is the ideal but not always realistic. As decision makers, providers, caretakers, teachers, parents - we take on the responsibilities to help and give to others. This allows us to retain a sense of focus and control but, we often neglect ourselves in the process. Taking care of ourselves, all aspects of us, is needed and necessary. If we haven't cared for ourselves, we become vulnerable to infection and less able to complete our daily responsibilities.

Remember that your well-being is the product of how you take care of your mind, body, emotions and, spirit. Here is a list of things you can do to help manage the stress and anxiety in the time of COVID-19.

Take care of yourself physically:

- Go ahead and exercise – take a walk outside in the fresh air and sunshine
- Be creative in your workout – try yoga, “planking” or do a workout video on YouTube
- Go back to the basics – Do sit-ups, push-ups, run in place or jump rope
- Take a hot bath or shower
- Practice relaxation techniques
- Don't abuse alcohol or other substances

Maintain a healthy diet:

- Stick to traditional and whole foods
- Eat meals with family or a friend at regular mealtimes

- Avoid processed foods that leave you wanting more

- Fight the tendency to seek comfort in food
- Eat in moderation – Don't over-eat

Maintain healthy sleep habits:

- Maintain your sleep routine
- Go to bed and arise at your regular times
- Prepare for sleep by reading a book or meditating

- Turn off your device! Stop all screen time 30 minutes before retiring

- Avoid the urge to over-sleep
- Be kind to your mind:**
- Keep your mind busy by reading a book
 - Work a crossword or Sudoku puzzle
 - Listen to a podcast
 - Listen to a meditation and try a mindfulness exercise

- Take a power nap of 15 minutes or less
- Avoid checking news feeds more than twice a day – you won't miss a thing

Take care of your mental health by focusing on others:

- Try a random act of kindness to a family member
- Create a gratitude list
- Send a compliment or positive note by email to a co-worker or friend
- Cook a meal for family or a friend who is in need

- Write a letter

Avoid social isolation:

- Use technology to stay in touch with people through video or Facetime
- Play a game or cards with family or a friend
- Phone an old friend
- Text (in moderation)
- Use your family and community support systems

Resist “panic mode”:

- Give yourself a break from the action
- Focus on what you know, not what is unknown
- Distract yourself by doing a chore
- Exercise the control you have by maintaining all reasonable safety measures
- Walk away from the data stream – put down the phone or get off the computer or TV

Practice your spirituality:

- Pray
- Smudge
- Reach out to your spiritual advisor
- Meditate
- Commune with nature – sunshine lightens the spirit

Remember that there are community supports available to you.

We are all in this together!

If the information provided here isn't doing the trick, please feel free to contact Behavioral health at LTBB Health Department to speak with a counselor or Cultural Advisor. We welcome all and we are here to help, especially those experiencing crisis (231) 242-1640.

Community Support Group

Provided by: LTBB Behavior Health

Zoom meeting will take place every Tuesday and Thursday @ 12:00pm Starting 4/9/2020

The meetings are intended for anyone that would like to talk to others during this difficult time. Cultural Advisor, Matt Davis and Case Manager, Sara Hacker will provide the community with information on; community resources, cultural teachings, talking circles and more.

Information on how to participate please call 231-242-1640

2020 GARDEN EDUCATION SERIES

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PLANT DOCTOR 101 THURSDAY, JULY 23 1PM-2PM @ LTBB GOV CENTER

PLEASE CONTACT REGINA FOR MORE INFORMATION AT REGINA@LTBBODAWA-NSI.GOV OR 231-242-1644

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LITTLE TRAVERSE BAY BANDS OF ODAWA INDIANS COMMUNITY HEALTH DEPARTMENT MEDICAL TRANSPORTATION GUIDELINES

Transportation is available to medical appointments only.

You must exhaust all other means available to you, i.e. Friendship Center Bus, Straits Regional Transit, Char/Em Transit, Taxi or Family.

Clients of the Little Traverse Bay Bands Health Department must notify the Community Health Department 72 hours prior to their appointments.

Transportation is based on availability.

Call 231-242-1601 to set up a ride as soon as possible.

Miigwech!

The Little Traverse Bay Bands of Odawa Indians Community Health Staff

Your Child's Early Development is a Journey

Check off the milestones your child has reached and share your child's progress with the doctor at every visit.

6 MONTHS

- Copies sounds
- Begins to sit without support
- Likes to play with others, especially parents
- Responds to own name
- Strings vowels together when babbling (“ah,” “eh,” “oh”)
- Uses simple gestures such as shaking head for “no” or waving “bye bye”
- Copies gestures

12 MONTHS (1 YEAR)

- Responds to simple spoken requests
- Says “mama” and “dada”
- Pulls up to stand

18 MONTHS (1 1/2 YEARS)

- Says several single words
- Knows what ordinary things are for, for example, telephone, brush, spoon
- Plays simple pretend, such as feeding a doll
- Points to show others something interesting
- Walks alone

2 YEARS

- Follows simple instructions
- Kicks a ball
- Says sentences with 2 to 4 words
- Gets excited when with other children

3 YEARS

- Points to things or pictures when they're named
- Copies adults and friends (like running when other children run)
- Carries on a conversation using 2 to 3 sentences
- Climbs well
- Plays make-believe with dolls, animals and people
- Shows affection for friends without prompting

4 YEARS

- Hops and stands on one foot for up to 2 seconds
- Would rather play with other children than alone
- Tells stories
- Draws a person with 2 to 4 body parts
- Plays cooperatively

These are just a few of many important milestones to look for. For more complete checklists by age, visit www.cdc.gov/ActEarly or call 1-800-CDC-INFO.

FAMILY EDUCATION AND SUPPORT LTBB MINA MSKIKI GUMIK 231-242-1721

LTBB Pharmacy

Hours: Monday – Friday 8 am – 6 pm
Phone: 231-242-1750

What prescriptions are filled at the LTBB Pharmacy?

- Prescriptions written by LTBB Clinic Providers
- Prescriptions written by providers where you have been referred to by the LTBB Clinic

PLEASE BE AWARE OF HOLIDAY HOURS AND MEDICATION REFILLS.

ELDERS DEPARTMENT

Do you need a Food & Utility Appropriation Allowance Application?

Go to <https://tinyurl.com/ltbbfnu2020app> to print one out! Still have questions?

Call the Elders Department at 231-242-1423 for information!

Temporary Help Wanted

Are you a tribal citizen who would like to:

Gain valuable work experience?

Work in the tribal community?

Make a little extra money?

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Call: 231-242-1563



TRIBAL NOTARY INFORMATION

The Tribal Notaries listed below are eligible to perform notarial acts within Little Traverse Bay Bands Jurisdiction unless he/she violates section C. Revocation WOS#2008-05 Tribal Notary Statute

Tribal Notary Full Name	Commission Status	Appointment Date	Expiration Date	Serial Number	Phone Ext.
Theresa C Keshick	Active	02/18/2015	February 17, 2021	01-09	1584
Rebecca R Fisher	Active	02/22/2015	February 21, 2021	02-09	1418
Cynthia Brouckaert	Active	06/06/2017	June 5, 2023	05-09	1462
Beverly J Wemigwase	Active	02/23/2015	February 22, 2021	10-09	1400
Julie Rose Janiskee	Active	08/24/2015	August 23, 2021	11-09	1401
Rose M Pyant	Active	04/06/2017	April 5, 2023	12-09	1563
Marin C Taylor	Active	05/15/2018	May 14, 2024	13-09	1521
Janice L. Shackelford	Active	2/17/2020	February 16, 2026	14-09	NA

PLEASE NOTE:

The LTBB Grants Department works with LTBB Departments to obtain external funds for ongoing and special programming, services and resources for the tribal community. Please contact the respective LTBB Department for information on programming that may be of interest to you.

CONTINUING TO FEED OUR ELDERS



NATIONAL SUICIDE PREVENTION LIFELINE
 1-800-273-TALK (8255)
suicidepreventionlifeline.org

With help comes hope
 Help is available for you or someone you care about, 24/7

The LTBB Community Health Department offers appointments with Jake Pine, Traditional Healer. Listed below is the schedule for 2020.

Office hours: 9 am – 12 pm & 1 pm – 5 pm
 May 4-6, June 1-3
 July 6-8, August 4-6
 September 8-10, October 5-7
 November 4-6, December 7-9

To schedule an appointment, call the Health Department at 231-242-1601.

EDUCATION DEPARTMENT

Michelle Chingwa Education Honorarium MCEH Deadline Extension

All students who are taking Summer 2020 classes and using the MCEH, the deadline to turn in paperwork has been extended because of COVID-19. The deadline has been changed from June 15th to July 15th at midnight. When turning in paperwork, please send a schedule and an unofficial transcript from the previous semester.

Email paperwork to Kim Gabrick at kgabrick@ltbbodawa-nsn.gov

Weekend Urgent Care Alternative!

Urgent Care
 Petoskey
 116 W. Mitchell Street Petoskey, MI 49770
 231-348-2828

Petoskey Urgent Care can be utilized when immediate attention is needed for an urgent, but not life-threatening condition, and the LTBB Health Clinic in Petoskey, MI, is closed.

McLaren
 NORTHERN MICHIGAN REGIONAL HOSPITAL
 416 Connable Avenue Petoskey, MI 49770
 1-800-248-6777

When using Petoskey Urgent Care, you are required to call LTBB Contract Health at 231-242-1600. Notice must be received within 72 hours of the visit. LTBB Elders have 30 days to notify Contract Health.

MUNSON HEALTHCARE
 Charlevoix Hospital
 14700 Lake Shore Drive, Charlevoix, MI 49720
 231-547-4024

After hours and weekend emergency treatment can be obtained at McLaren Northern Michigan Regional Hospital in Petoskey, MI, or Munson Healthcare Charlevoix Hospital in Charlevoix, MI.

GIJIGOWI ANISHINAABEMOWIN LANGUAGE DEPARTMENT

NMEBINE GIIZIS: SUCKER MOON - MAY 2020

By Maryann Endanawas, Project Instructor/Fluent Speaker

Nmebine Giizis eko niwing ebit ngobiboon giizis mizinaganing. Mii manda pii Anishinaabek bibaanmebinekewaad. Kchizhangewok maanda pii minwaa nwaanch nikeyiing zhijiibaakwewok jaabaakwejik.

April is the fourth month of the yearly calendar. The Anishinaabek have a harvesting of suckers during this time. The fish is feasted and cooked many different ways by the cooks.

Maaba nmebine dibaajmigaazo gibeboon nji-taat wiinaadit mshkiki genakaazang wiibiinaago-zid Shkaakmikwe. Anishinaabe nistatan maanda kinoomaadwin pii digoshing nmebine minookmik.

It was shared that the sucker fish takes all winter to go and get the medicine required to clean

the earth. The Anishinaabe people understood this teaching when the sucker fish arrived each spring.

Maanda pii, nbiish maajijwang, ninigizo mkom nigizhoowagmik nbiish maage maajiyaaashi.

During this time, the waters are flowing, and most of the ice has floated out or dissolved in the warming waters.

Niibna gego naagkwod ezhiminookmik, esh-kom niibna bimaadzijk gojiing baayaawok nanki-waat bishigendmowaat.

Many signs of spring continue, and more people are out and about outdoors doing their favorite activity.

Naangoding gawaabimaa waaboozoonh geyaa-bi ginamaa dawaabshkizi aapta. Shawiigo kina wiiba daki'aazo.

You may occasionally see a rabbit, and it may be half white. However, it will turn all brown soon.

Anishinaabemdaa.com

New mobile friendly website, new design, updated code, new games, new legends and more!



Learn the Anishinaabe Language

- Grammar
- Everyday Terms
- Culture
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- Fun and Games
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SHKINISHNAABEMJIK

SHKI NISH NAA BEM JIK
New Speakers of Anishinaabemowin

Adults, Teens & Youth (ages 8+ years)
Anishinaabe Language Community Class For Beginners

Families Encouraged to Participate Together

(children 8-12 years old must be with an adult who is learning with them)

Aaniish Epiichaak? What time?
Thursdays, 5:30-7:30 PM

Aapiish? Where?
LTBB Administration Bldg.
Commons Area
7500 Odawa Circle
Harbor Springs, MI

Wenesh Pii? When?
June 4-August 20

Contact Gijigowi Anishinaabemowin Language Department
Phone: 231-242-1457 Theresa Keshick OR
Ekinoomaaged (Teacher): Maryann Endanawas
Phone: 231-242-1458 E-mail: mendanawas@ltbbodawa-nsn.gov

Anishinaabemowin PANE LANGUAGE WEEKENDS

Summer Semester 2020

Wegnesh? What?
5 Weekends
Per Semester

Aapiish? Where?
LTBB Administration Bldg.
7500 Odawa Circle
Harbor Springs, MI

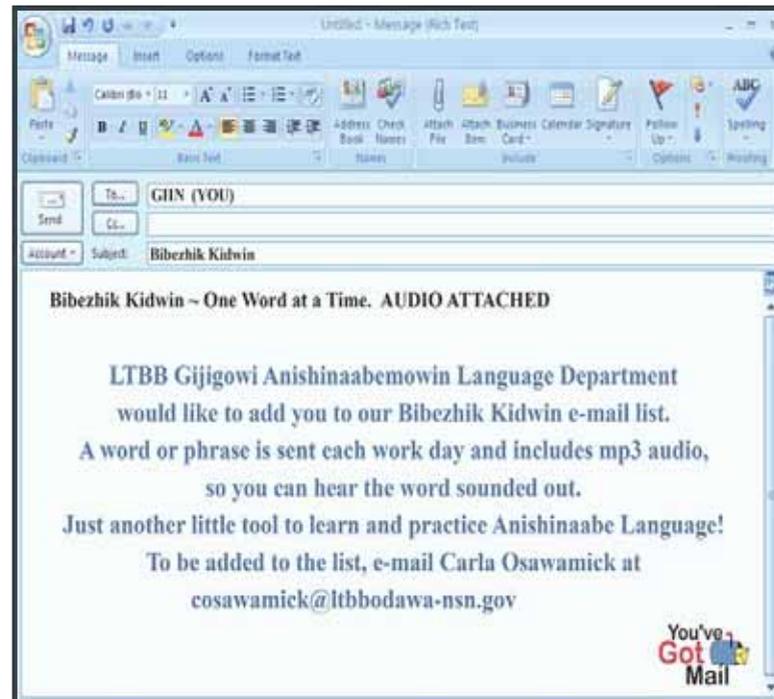
Wenesh Pii? When?
May 8, 9, 10
May 29, 30, 31
June 19, 20, 21
July 17, 18, 19
August 14, 15, 16

Aaniish epiichaak? What time?
Fridays, 1 - 7 pm
Saturdays, 9 am - 7 pm
Sundays, 9 am - noon

Guests Welcome!

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LTBB Anishinaabemowin

Find us on facebook

Dengwe-Mzinigan: Face-Book

Gijigowi Anishinaabemowin Language Department hosts Facebook Group called "LTBB Anishinaabemowin."

We will post materials for language learning, announcements and flyers. Materials will be accessible on the group page under the "Photos" tab or the "Files" tab. PowerPoints with audio and PDF's are downloadable.

- Search our name and "Join."
- Add your family and friends.
- Post Comments and Language Items.

For more information, contact Little Traverse Bay Bands of Odawa Indians, Gijigowi Anishinaabemowin Language Department at 231-242-1457 or toll free 1-866-652-5822 or e-mail LangTech@ltbbodawa-nsn.gov

Ebiimoshin

(modern phrase to say "e-mail me")

Bibezhik Kidwin E-mail List - One word at a time - E-mails sent of a single word or phrase with MP3 audio sound attached.

Anishinaabemowin E-mail List - In addition to the Bibezhik Kidwin e-mails, you'll also receive occasional e-mails regarding Anishinaabemowin Language such as announcements of Language or Cultural Activities, Classes, Events or General Information and News.

Send us an e-mail, and we'll add you to the "Bibezhik Kidwin E-mail List" or the "Anishinaabemowin E-mail List." Carla Osawamick (McFall) at cosawamick@ltbbodawa-nsn.gov

Important Update

Questions or concerns for the Department of Commerce, please call 231-242-1584 or e-mail DOC@ltbbodawa-nsn.gov

Manidoshenhsak

Bugs [Ma ni do shenh sak]

			
Aamoo Bee	Asignaash Worm	Enigoonhs Ant	Ojiinh Fly
			
Etizaane Cricket	Ezbikenh Spider	Ezgimenh Mosquito	Pakane Grasshopper
			
Ezigaa Tick	Memegwaanhs Butterfly	Mose Caterpillar	Waawaatese Firefly

WELL AND SEPTIC ASSISTANCE PROGRAM



We can provide you with a new well and/or septic system for your new construction OR if your current well and/or septic system is deficient, we can help. Please call the LTBB Housing Department at 231-242-1540 to find out more about how you can get a free well and septic system or replace your current system. Please be aware it takes approximately 3 to 4 months to gain federal approval of your application.

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K	E	P	E	N	O	O	J	S	O	W
E	N	M	A	T	P	J	I	G	A	A
P	N	K	E	Z	I	G	I	A	P	H
A	B	I	M	G	I	Z	W	I	N	B
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E	S	S	E	O	G	N	G	N	M	E
H	I	S	O	Z	E	A	H	Z	H	I
A	E	J	E	M	A	B	A	S	I	S

Write in Translation, Then Find Anishinaabemowin in Word Search

Aamoo	_____	Ezigaa	_____
Asignaash	_____	Memegwaanhs	_____
Enigoonhs	_____	Mose	_____
Etizaane	_____	Ojiinh	_____
Ezbikenh	_____	Pakane	_____
Ezgimenh	_____	Waawaatese	_____



Little Traverse Bay Bands of Odawa Indians

Boozhoo LTBB Folks!
Let's all learn some language - it's time for some revitalization!

Come Join
Gijigowi Anishinaabemowin Language Department's Facebook Group
"LTBB Anishinaabemowin"



PHOTOGRAPHY

The Little Traverse Bay Bands of Odawa Indians Gijigowi Language Department is looking for photos from the membership to use in their online language class. Go to www.ltbodawa-nsn.gov/Lang/GijigowiAnishinaabemowin.html for a list of photos we are in need of.

CALL FOR SUBMISSIONS

For More Information Contact Eva Oldman at evoldman@lbbodawa-nsn.gov

HEALTH DEPARTMENT

LTBB COMMUNITY HEALTH DEPARTMENT SEWS FACE MASKS



They ask, we do. Community Health Department working hard to get masks made for our tribal community. Courtesy photos.

LITTLE TRAVERSE BAY BANDS OF ODAWA INDIANS
HOUSING DEPARTMENT
7500 Odawa Circle
Harbor Springs, MI 49740
Telephone: 231-242-1540
Fax: 231-242-1550



NEW RENTALS

LTBB Housing is pleased to announce it will soon be offering two market rate rental units in the Harbor Springs, MI, area. We are now accepting applications for these units. We plan to have both units available for move in by Spring of 2020.



Home #1 - Located in the city limits of Harbor Springs
Large 3 bedroom, 2 bath home with full basement.
Attached 2 car garage. 12-month lease required.
Monthly rent set at \$1,000 - Utilities are NOT included



Home #2 - Located at the Wah Wahs Noo Da Ke Village off of Heynig Rd
3 Bedroom, 2 bath home. Covered entry porch.
Quiet, family friendly community. 12-month lease required.
Monthly rent set at \$800 - Utilities are NOT included

FOR APPLICATIONS, PLEASE CONTACT
LTBB HOUSING AT 231-242-1540

NOW ACCEPTING APPLICATIONS
For the Mtigwaakiis housing development. Tribal Preference applies. For more information, contact the Housing Department at 231-242-1540



Equal Housing Opportunity TDD: 800-649-3777

MINDFUL OBSERVATION

This exercise is simple but incredibly powerful because it helps you notice and appreciate seemingly simple elements of your environment in a more profound way. It is designed to connect us with the beauty of the natural environment, something that is easily missed when we are rushing around in the car or rushing about in our daily lives.

1. Choose a natural object from within your immediate environment and focus on watching it for a minute or two. This could be a flower or an insect, or even the clouds or the moon.
2. Don't do anything except notice the thing you are looking at. Simply relax into watching for as long as your concentration allows.
3. Look at this object as if you are seeing it for the first time.
4. Visually explore every aspect of its formation and allow yourself to be consumed by its presence.



5. Allow yourself to connect with its energy and its purpose within the natural world.

If you would like more information or would like to speak with a counselor or advisor, please contact LTBB Behavioral Health at 231-242-1640.

Courtesy graphic.

NATIVE NEWS

ODAWA CASINO RESORT DONATES FOOD TO THE LOCAL COMMUNITY

Our Team Members have been working hard to help feed the community during recent closures related to COVID-19.

Thank you to Mark and Matthew, pictured here, who are some of our amazing team members that assisted in providing food to the Manna Food Project, Petoskey Schools lunch program, Villa Assisted Living, and LTBB Tribal elders yesterday. They will continue to do make donations throughout the closure.

We have been able to donate approximately 1,000 pounds of food so far, with a value around \$10,000.

Courtesy photo.



COMING SOON
ONLINE
LANGUAGE CLASS

WANT TO LEARN ANISHINAABEMOWIN?
The Gignwi Anishinaabemowin Language Department will be looking for community language learners to sign up for a 2 year community pilot class. This 2 year program will be a 15-week course with learners off. NO LANGUAGE EXPERIENCE NECESSARY. You must be 18+ years of age, have access to a computer and internet, and be willing to devote 6 - 8 hours per week. Certificates will be awarded upon completion of program. More information to come...

YEAR 1		YEAR 2	
Beginner I Class	Beginner II Class	Intermediate I	Intermediate II
Begins September 2020 Ends December 2020	Begins January 2021 Ends May 2021	Begins September 2021 Ends December 2021	Begins January 2022 Ends May 2022

Contact

Eve Gishman: 231-242-1540 | Email: eginman@ltdb.odawa-nn.gov | Fax: 231-242-1455
Address: 7500 Odawa Circle, Harbor Springs, MI 49740

HUD MAKES OVER \$4.5 MILLION OF COVID-19 RELIEF FUNDING AVAILABLE TO HELP NATIVE AMERICAN COMMUNITIES ACROSS MICHIGAN - \$200 MILLION IN RECOVERY FUNDING WILL HELP AMERICAN INDIAN COMMUNITIES RESPOND TO COVID-19



Editor's note: The following is a U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development press release dated April 3, 2020.

LANSING, Mich. - U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) Secretary Ben Carson today announced \$200 million in Indian Housing Block Grants (IHBG) to American Indian Tribes and Tribally Designated Housing Entities (TDHEs) across the country to respond to COVID-19. This funding will be used to help Tribes and TDHEs carry out affordable housing activities to protect the safety and health of their tribal members and communities. A complete chart can be found at <https://tinyurl.com/hudcovidrelieffunding>.

"When President Trump signed the Coronavirus Aid,

Relief, and Economic Security Act (CARES Act) into law, he wanted to ensure that American Indian Tribes received the assistance they needed to combat the coronavirus," said Secretary Ben Carson. "HUD remains committed to providing Tribes with the tools they need during this national emergency to continue to create safe, affordable housing opportunities for their communities."

Assistant Secretary for Public and Indian Housing R. Hunter Kurtz added: "Working to make sure American Indian families get the resources they need during such an unprecedented time was important to President Trump. Today's funding helps HUD's mission to continue to assist some of our most vulnerable customers."

"Indian Housing Block Grant funding is an essential tool to help stabilize Tribal communities. Our partners have a vital role to play in our joint efforts during these trying times," said HUD Midwest Regional Administrator, Joseph P. Galvan. "Together, our nation will rise to the challenge and defeat COVID-19."

Indian Housing Block Grants primarily benefit low-income American Indian families.

The amount of each grant is based on a formula that considers local needs and housing units under management by the Tribe or TDHE. Eligible activities for the funds include housing development, operation and maintenance, modernization of existing housing, housing services to eligible families and individuals, housing management services, crime prevention and safety activities, and model activities that provide creative approaches to solving affordable housing problems in Indian Country.

In addition to this much needed funding, yesterday, HUD announced that it began allocating \$3.064 billion to help America's low-income families and cutting the red tape so grantees can quickly help their communities.

HUD's mission is to create strong, sustainable, inclusive communities and quality affordable homes for all.

More information about HUD and its programs is available on the Internet

at www.hud.gov and <https://espanol.hud.gov>.

You can also connect with HUD on social media and follow Secretary Carson on Twitter and Facebook or sign up for news alerts on HUD's Email List.

Courtesy graphics.

State	Recipient	City	Amount
MI	Sault Ste. Marie Tribe of Chippewa Indians	Sault Ste. Marie	\$1,556,488
MI	Pokagon Band of Potawatomi Indians	Dowagiac	\$652,952
MI	Keweenaw Bay Indian Community	Baraga	\$595,908
MI	Saginaw Chippewa Indian Tribe	Mt. Pleasant	\$484,754
MI	Grand Traverse Band of Ottawa and Chippewa Indians	Peshawbestown	\$389,890
MI	Bay Mills Indian Community	Brimley	\$240,727
MI	Little Traverse Bay Band of Odawa Indians	Harbor Springs	\$190,191
MI	Nottawaseppi Huron Band of Potawatomi	Fulton	\$130,894
MI	Little River Band of Ottawa Indians	Manistee	\$91,607
MI	Lac Vieux Desert Band of Lake Superior Chippewa Indians	Watersmeet	\$81,018
MI	Hannahville Indian Community	Wilson	\$61,249
MI	Match-e-be-nash-she-wish Band of Pottawatomi Indians	Dorr	\$58,700
MI	MICHIGAN		\$4,534,378

SECTION 184 LOAN GUARANTEE PROGRAM

- * Low Monthly Payment
- * Flexible Underwriting
- * Low Interest Rates
- * Monthly Mortgage Insurance - Now at a Lower Rate!

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- * Acquisition of existing housing
- * Rehabilitation of existing housing
- * Construction of new housing, including manufactured housing affixed to a permanent foundation

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FOR MORE INFORMATION, CALL THE LTBB HOUSING DEPT at 231-242-1540.

HOME IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM CHANGE

Due to HUD guidelines, the Housing Department is required to do an environmental review regardless of the work being done. The process of these reviews can take up to three to six months; we cannot proceed until this process has been completed. Please be aware there is a possibility the review could come back with a negative impact, in which case, could be cause for denial.

LITTLE TRAVERSE BAY BANDS OF ODAWA INDIANS HOUSING DEPARTMENT
7500 Odawa Circle
Harbor Springs, MI 49740
Tel: 231-242-1540 Fax: 231-242-1550
TTY: 7-1-1

Apartments for Rent

Now accepting applications

- Must belong to Little Traverse Bay Bands of Odawa Indians
- Bedrooms are approximately 121 sq. feet and 94 sq. feet
- Must be 55 or older or disabled of any age
- Located in a quiet country setting, but only 4 miles from Harbor Springs, MI
- Rents are based on income
- Barrier free units are available
- Accept very low, low and moderate income applicants
- LTBB Housing office hours are Monday through Friday, 8 am to 5 pm
- All units are 2 bedroom and 1 bath

Wah Wahs Noo Da Ke Tribal Village is approximately 4 miles north of Harbor Springs, MI

Contact person: LTBB Housing Department 231-242-1540

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HOUSING DEPARTMENT PROGRAMS

Services are available to citizens residing within the 27 county service area. An application packet must be completed and returned to the Housing Dept. for processing to determine qualification. To obtain an application, please contact the Housing Dept. at 231-242-1540.

STR - Short Term Rental Assistance: This program offers up to \$1,500 for new tenants who need assistance with the first month's rent and/or security deposit. This can be used **ONE TIME ONLY** and the rent requested must be affordable and can **NOT** exceed 35% of the household gross monthly income. Please note the application packet must be received and approved in advance of your moving into the rental in order to qualify for this program.

HIP - Home Improvement Program: This program offers up to \$2,500 for non-cosmetic home repairs and may be utilized once every five years.

DPA - Down Payment Assistance: This program offers up to \$2,500 or 10% of your mortgage (whichever is less) and can be used to purchase or refinance a home. In order for you to receive any grant dollars, you must be able to match the grant amount with your own guaranteed funds.

FPA - Foreclosure Prevention Program: This program offers up to \$3,000 to assist in foreclosure prevention.

Well & Septic Assistance Program: Funded by the Indian Health Services located in Sault Ste. Marie, MI, this program provides the resources and technical assistance associated with the installation of a new well and sanitation service or replacement of deficient existing well/septic.

Credit Counseling: We provide confidential advice and referrals to assist tribal citizens in regaining their financial stability and credibility.

Tribal Rental Housing Program: The LTBB Housing Department offers 29 rental units in the Northern Michigan area. These units are available to rent to Tribal Citizens and most rents are based on a family's monthly income. Any Tribal Citizen interested in renting a unit from the LTBB Housing Department should contact our offices for an application. Currently, there is a waiting list for available units.

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MASHPEE WAMPANOAG FACE DOUBLE CRISIS: COVID-19 AND PEDS

Aliyah Chavez, *Indian Country Today*

The Mashpee Wampanoag Tribal Chairman spoke out for the first time since he learned that his nation's reservation will be dis-established and their land will be taken out of trust. Chairman Cedric Cromwell gave remarks on Sunday through a video posted on Facebook through the Social Distance Powwow group.

Cromwell told viewers that the Darryl LaCounte, Turtle Mountain Band of Chippewa Indians, the Director of the Bureau of Indian Affairs, called him on Friday at 4pm to tell him the news. He said LaCounte was instructed to do so by the highest ranking official in the Department of Interior, Secretary David Barnhardt.

"That means that we are now being terminated by this United States government," Cromwell said. "A little history on the Mashpee Wampanoag Tribe: We're the first tribe that met the settlers many, many moons ago which created this 'history of Thanksgiving' ... The Indians that first sat down with those settlers was us, the Wampanoag Nation."

Cromwell expressed concern that the Trump Administration notified the tribe of this news in the middle of the coronavirus pandemic. He used it as an example to warn other tribal leaders.

"At any given point, this administration will call you up on a Friday evening, when you least expect it and say 'we are taking your land out of trust. We're taking away your homelands, that means your housing, your educational funding ...'" Cromwell said.

"I am calling to all of Indian Country, to all tribes: we must unite and stand together ... we must fight this fight together," Cromwell added. He urged those watching to protest on social media by saying they support the Mashpee Wampanoag Tribe.

Since the video was posted on Sunday, it has



been seen by approximately 3,000 people. Many took to the comments section to express their thoughts.

"It is wrong and we are all gonna stick with the Mashpee," one comment read. "Whatever we have to do. All native be aware and help!!!"

Another: "I want to help - this is so terrible."

Yesterday the Wopanaak Language Reclamation Project started a petition called "Stand with the Mashpee Wampanoag Tribe." In less than 24 hours, the petition has received nearly 65,000 signatures.

Elected officials are speaking out too.

Democratic presidential candidate Bernie Sanders (D-VA) shared his support of the Mashpee Wampanoag Tribe on Sunday morning.

"I stand with the Mashpee Wampanoag tribe in their fight to restore lands that belong to them and oppose the disgraceful decision by the Trump Administration to disestablish their lands held in trust by the Department of Interior," Sanders said in a press release.

Aliyah Chavez, Kewa Pueblo, is a reporter-producer at *Indian Country Today's* Phoenix Bureau. Follow her on Twitter: @aliyahjchavez or email her at achavez@indiancountrytoday.com

Courtesy photo.

HOLT HAMILTON FILMS RELEASES NATIVE FITNESS EPISODE FOR FREE

Editor's note: The following is a Holt Hamilton Films press release.

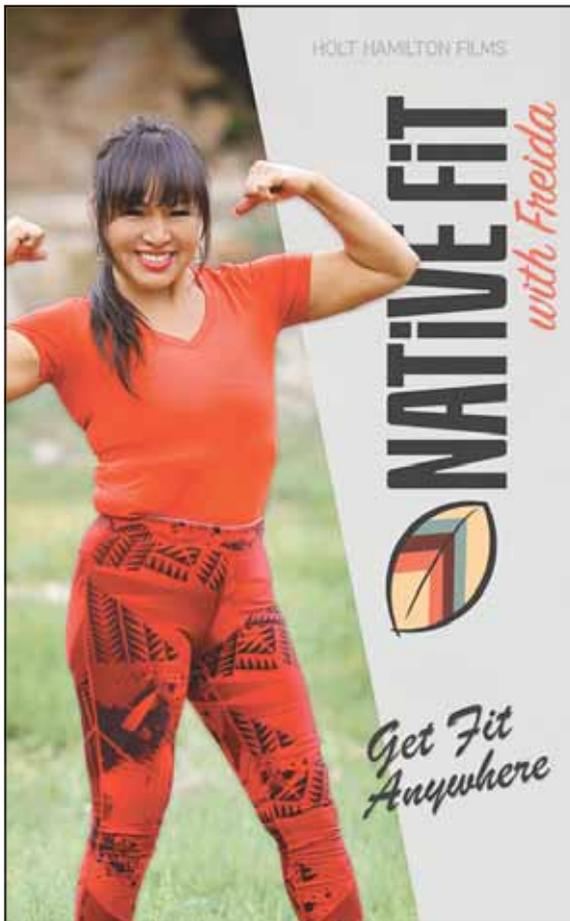
A Half Hour Episode of 'Native Fit with Freida' is Now Available on YouTube

MESA - Holt Hamilton Films, who brought you the award winning movies More Than Frybread, Turquoise Rose, Legends from the Sky, and other indigenous family classics have jumped in the fight against Coronaviris COVID-19 by offering an episode of their first fitness series "Native Fit with Freida" episode #02 'Fat Burn Sack Attack' for FREE on Holt Hamilton Films YouTube channel.

The series, which contains 16 half hour episodes, over eight hours of heart-pumping exercise filmed entirely on the Navajo reservation, was available only on DVD until earlier today when Filmmaker Holt Hamilton agreed to release an episode online. "I've wanted to do something to help fight against COVID-19 and just haven't found the way to help until this morning. The thought came quietly to my mind that I should simply put an episode on YouTube. I am learning the power of running and exercise and how that can calm and strengthen the mind while encouraging insights and positive thoughts into what I can and cannot change."

Elfreida Barton, an enrolled member of the Navajo Tribe, hosts the series. "I couldn't have found a better person, both from a fitness perspective, a culturally sensitive perspective and one who cares deeply about her Native peoples health and well-being, to host this first season", stated Hamilton in a past interview. "She lives, breathes and I'm confident, dreams this stuff! Early in the process, I shared my vision of the series with her and then quickly got out of her way."

The series has been available on DVD for over 6 months, but according to Hamilton, "Hasn't really gotten much traction in Native country". He did mention one community, Salt River Pima-Maricopa Indian Community that, "really grasped the vision of what we were trying to do and have incorporated it positively into their vibrant health and wellness programs as a supplementary tool to support their established programs". Hamilton went on to say that



he has spoken to numerous tribal communities who have not quite caught the vision yet. "We still have strong hope to get this series into homes where it has great potential for positive change", Hamilton stated. "Where else can you have a personal trainer at your leisure, in the comforts of your own home, who also trains the trainers working with you individually?"

Hamilton finished by promising, "If there's a positive response to streaming this first episode, I may continue to roll another episode out after that. I made this series with the intent that lives would be blessed for the better. Now may be the time for us as humans to really buckle down and take a serious look at our health and what we are doing for ourselves, especially in our current situation."

Courtesy photo.

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Please contact the Nigaandwin Education Department at 231-242-1480.

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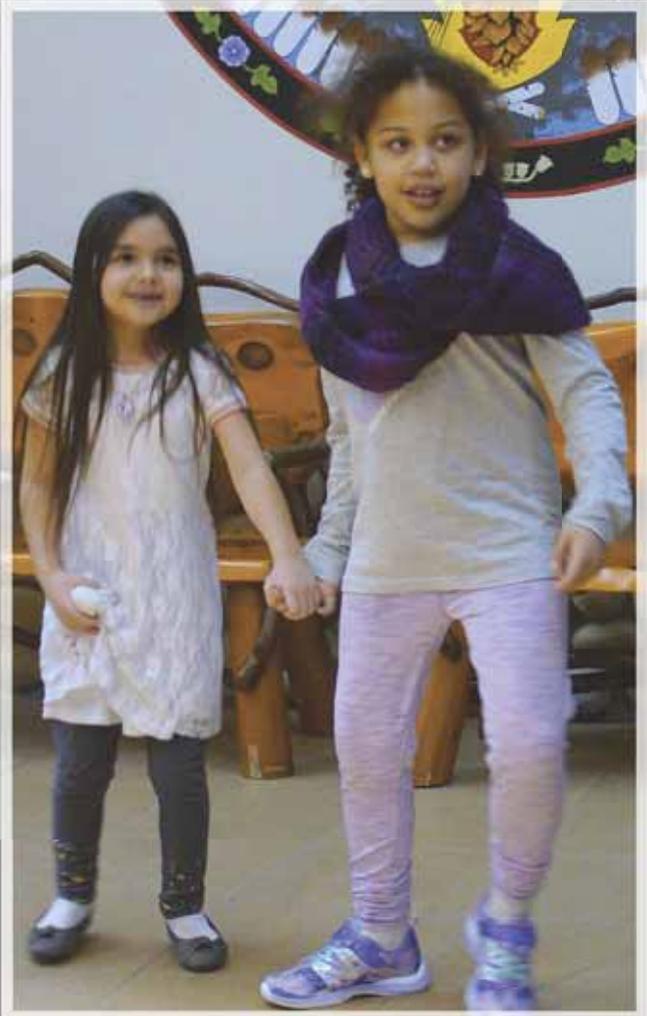
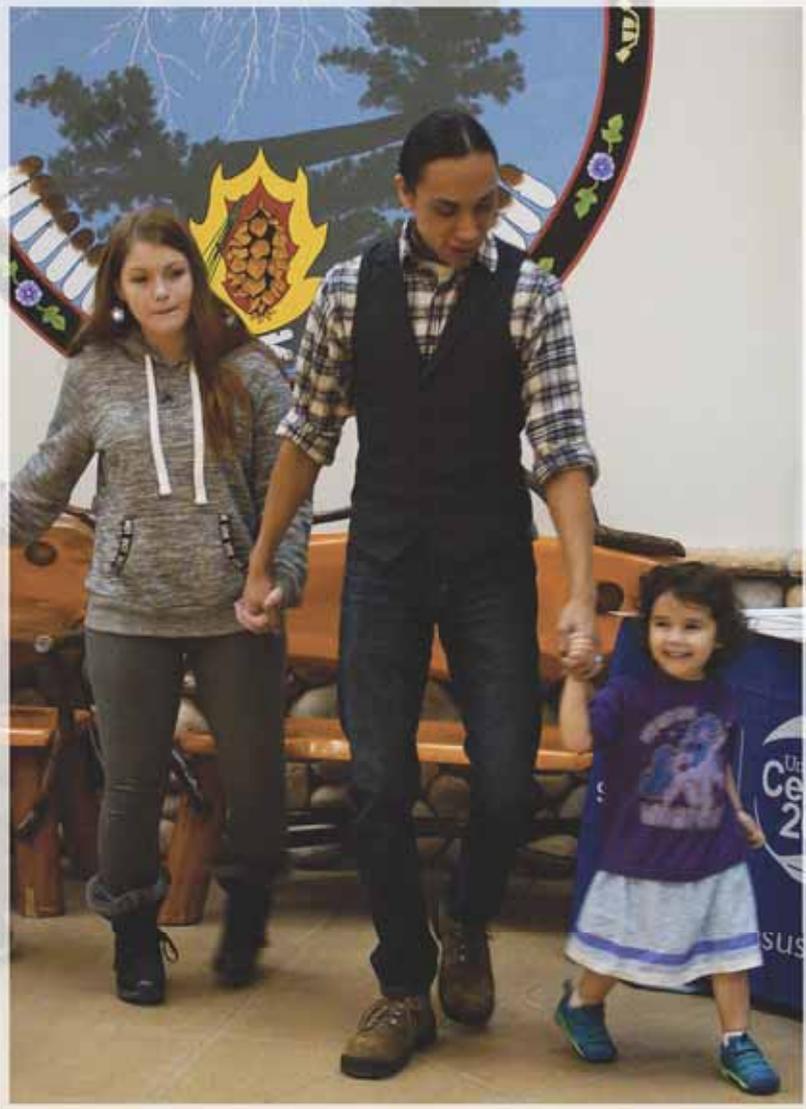
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Wrap bread in cloth (or pillow case) and store in a wooden bread bin.

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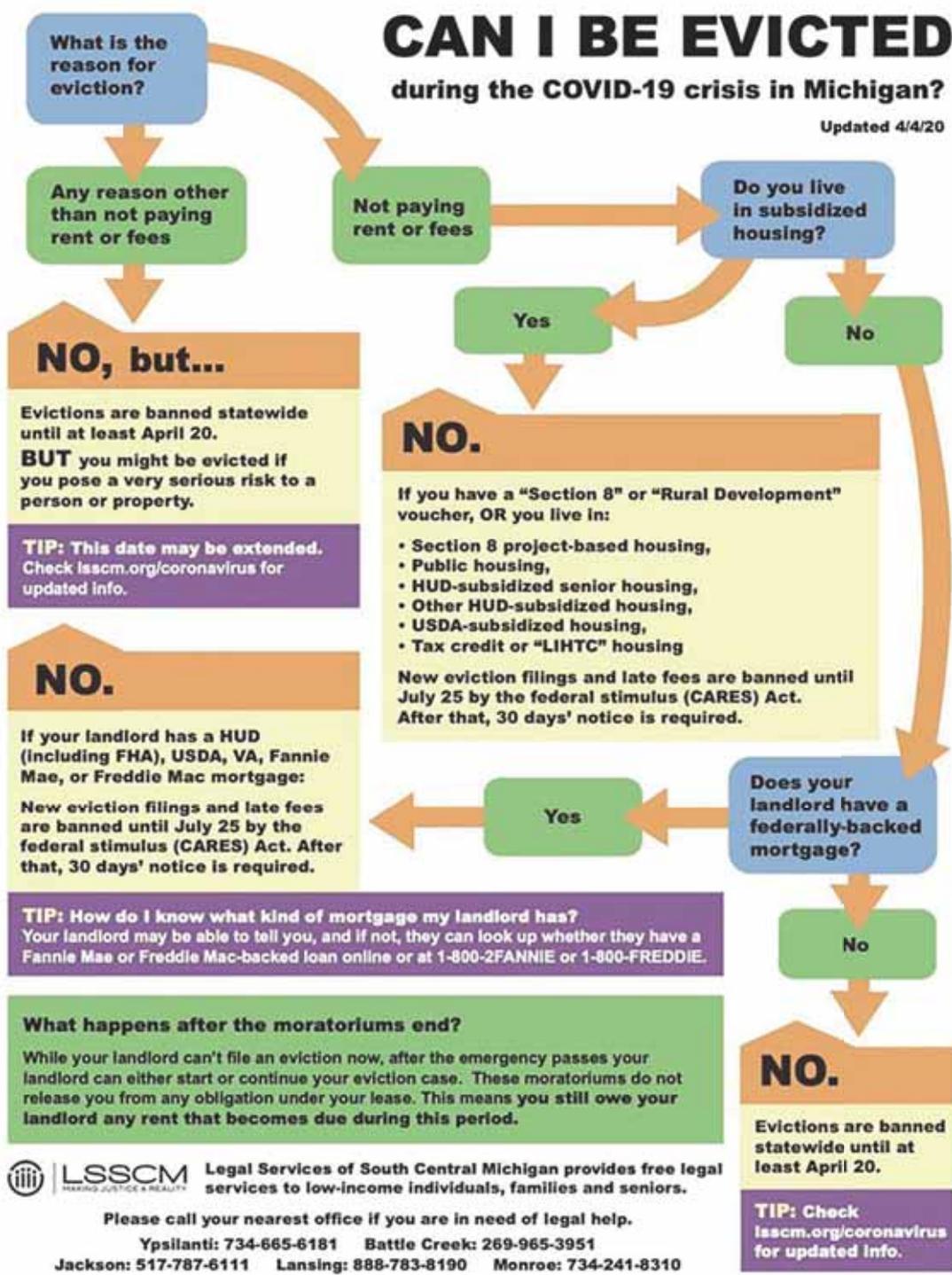


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A RENAISSANCE MAN: LARRY CUMMINGS WAS A NCMC, AREA LEGEND

By Steve Foley, Petoskey News Review Reporter

Editor's note: The following article appeared in the *Petoskey News Review* on April 2, 2020 and is reprinted here with permission.

Earlier in March and just before coronavirus had become what it is today, North Central Michigan College sociology/anthropology professor Kerri Finlayson was chatting with fellow longtime professor Larry Cummings about pedagogy.

"He (Cummings) was putting together a proposal for a sabbatical to go to the Balkans this summer," Finlayson said. "He also said he was going to go to Istanbul and I said 'You know that song, right? 'Istanbul,' (not Constantinople) by They Might Be Giants?' and he said 'No.'"

After the two played the song, a wry smile came across Cummings' face.

"He told me, 'you know there's an earlier version of this song,'" Finlayson said. "He said go to Google and play The Four Lads. I'd never heard of them, but we listened to the original version of that song and he had tears in his eyes because it brought back this nostalgia.

"His mom would play songs from The Four Lads and he joked I'd been trying to make him cry for 22 years.

"I finally did it."

Finlayson along with other countless NCMC staff, students and community members who had grown to become friends with Cummings are still processing news which came Tuesday, March 31, when Cummings passed away at McLaren Northern Michigan because of complications of coronavirus (COVID-19).

He was 76.

"This will be hard for me as I'm not sure how I'm supposed to go on in this world without him," Shannon Cummings, Larry's wife, said. "Larry was my best friend. We enjoyed being together, we enjoyed thoughtful conversations, working around the house and our family (daughters Chandler, Alexandria and Larry's son, Jed Avery).

"He was intelligent and had a wonderful sense of humor," Shannon continued. "He was my person and I was his."

Cummings, who taught history and geography at NCMC for 51 years, was not only a professor at the community college in Petoskey, but to many, he was the face of the institution.

"He's the heart of the college really," said president of the college's Faculty Association and business/marketing professor Chet Jessick, who worked with Cummings for 35 years. "Everyone who met him, liked him. Those of us who were lucky enough to get to know him, loved him."

"He was the best person I have known professionally," Jessick added. "Those who knew Larry considered him a North Central legend, and not just because of his 51 years of exemplary service to the college, his students and his community. It was because he was the passionate and compassionate teacher, the mentor, the storyteller, and the best friend we all aspire to be."

Cummings, who was born in Charlevoix in 1943, lived in Arizona and California as a child, but spent most of his life in Northern Michigan and attended Traverse City Central High School.

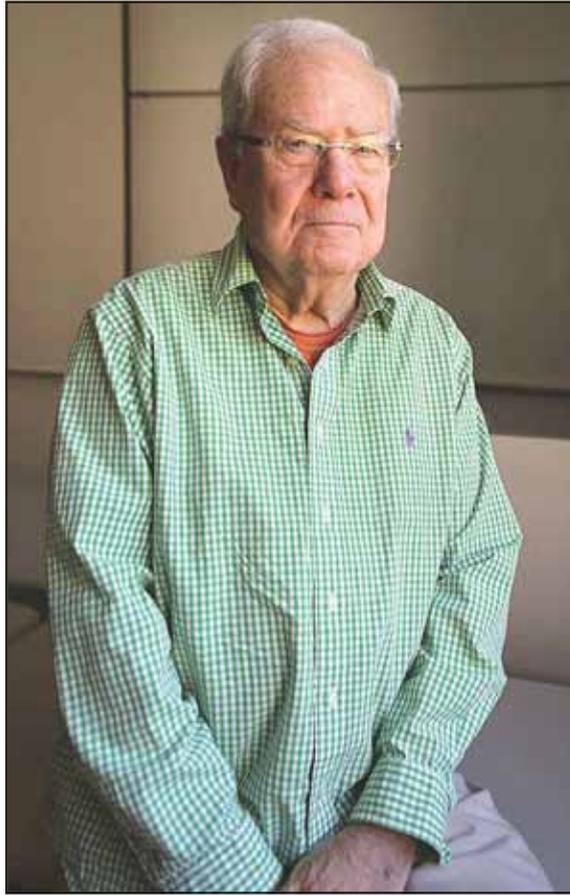
He went to Northwestern Michigan College, Bowling Green State University and then Central Michigan University, where he obtained a master's degree in history.

There was hardly a place on the globe Cummings hadn't visited or could point to, as he visited more than 50 countries.

"I worked with him for 22 years. He was on my hiring committee and I told him throughout the years and again just recently he was the one who hired me," Finlayson said. "It wasn't until three years after my hiring we decided to go to Copper Canyon, Mexico, which started this great adventure where we went to different parts of Mexico on and off from 2001 through 2010. He was an amazing traveler and when you travel with someone you get to know them pretty well. All the quirks come out, but it was seamless with him.

"Just nothing fazed him."

Tony Dunaske, a former North Central English professor who worked with Cummings for more than 30 years, said he was eager for Cummings to give up teaching.



"I was kind of torn actually," Dunaske said. "On the one hand I wanted him to enjoy the Golden Years, if you will, in retirement, because his two areas of expertise — geography and history — blend themselves well and he loved traveling. It saddens me deeply he'll miss out on that opportunity, but on the other hand, he was a tremendously dedicated teacher and I fully appreciate and understand his staying on and making contributions to young lives in the classroom."

Cummings had a magic about him in the classroom, taking what many young minds consider not that interesting — history and geography — and engaging students with his witty, charming and often sarcastic delivery.

"I was always trying to figure out his magic," Finlayson said. "I'd say he created a dialogue, it wasn't just a straight lecture. It would be like a very interactive dialogue. He'd pose questions and throw in funny witticisms along the way and engage students in his cuteness.

"It was his charm, that Larry Cummings charm."

It was that style, Dunaske added, that manifested itself in the way he taught his classes.

"Teaching is such an individual act anyway, and there'll be nobody else like him because he was himself," Dunaske said. "I don't think there will be anybody like Larry, period."

Not only did Cummings, who for many years also enjoyed working in the hospitality business as a bartender, have charm, but that individualistic style will never be matched, Finlayson said.

"For his 50th year teaching, we honored him and bought him this wild and crazy John Lennon-like shirt," Finlayson said. "It matched his style and he wore the heck out of it. He had great style."

Dunaske said Cummings simply loved working with young people, which in turned kept him young.

"The perspective Larry instilled in me was he said if you work with young people, you stay young at heart," Dunaske said. "Over the years, I came to value his perspective. He served some inspiration for me to come to love what I did."

"He just loved the classroom," Dunaske added. "That scene and that whole forum, that moment or circumstance where he was able to interact with young minds, that's, I think, what the kid was for him."

Shannon Cummings noted Larry had a genuine interest in everyone he met and treated everyone with equal kindness and respect.

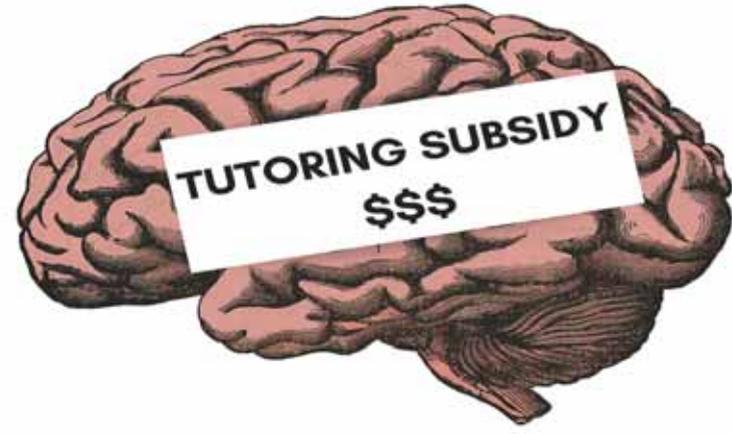
"Larry made everyone around him better," Shannon added. "He loved the hospitality business as well. He only recently stopped tending bar."

He was also active with the Harbor Springs Educational Foundation and the Michigan Department of Transportation's Adopt-A-Highway program, rallying North Central's team of employees and students to care for a three-mile stretch of U.S. 31 south of Petoskey.

"Our hearts are heavy with grief at the passing

"Cummings" continued on page 20.

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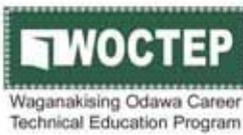
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“Cummings” continued from page 19.

of our friend, mentor and colleague,” said David Roland Finley, president at NCMC. “The entire North Central community grieves with Larry’s wife, Shannon, and their family. We are holding them close in our thoughts and prayers.”

With experiences to last multiple lifetimes, Cummings’ classroom curriculum was often rich with personal experiences of people, places and significant moments in history.

“Larry shared his international adventures so effectively that the listener was often transported right there with him, riveted by his stories, photos and souvenirs from faraway places,” Finlayson said. “Larry has left a lasting impact on everyone who was fortunate enough to know him. His legacy will live on at North Central indefinitely.”

Jessick recalls a moment when he and Cummings met in Nice, France, when Cummings was coming off a visit to Corsica.

“We had a great picnic on the side of the road,” Jessick said. “It was kind of like a master class and spring break rolled into one. Everywhere we met, Larry knew something about the place where we went. He could do enough to get us through a lunch in French. He was amazing.”

“He was a Renaissance man, really.”

Shannon Cummings had one final thought regarding the passing of her husband.

“I know my husband was wonderful, we lived our lives sharing the good stuff and our love,” Shannon said. “Please share the good stuff and your love now, don’t wait.”

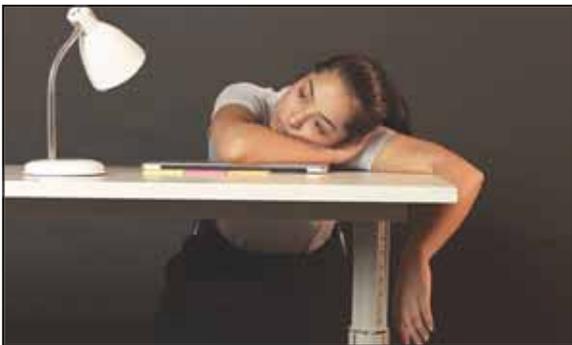
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BORED? THIS INDIGENOUS LIST IS FOR YOU

Practicing safe social distancing during the coronavirus pandemic can also mean opportunity. We can finally catch up on all the streaming shows, Native YouTubers, read all the books we never have time for and listen to all the saved podcast episodes tucked away on our devices.

Here’s a starting list of streaming shows, audiobooks, YouTubers and podcasts to take advantage of and eat up all the new isolation time upon us. Your local library might be available online so make sure to check out their website for ebooks. Each recommendation has an Indigenous take.

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NOVEL CORONAVIRUS PANDEMIC SPURS NEW ONLINE MSU EXTENSION PROGRAMMING

By Beth Stuever, Michigan State University Extension

While Michigan grapples with social distancing, MSU Extension expands online to offer a wealth of digital resources, from educational activities for children to food budgeting resources.

During unprecedented disruptions to daily life due to the novel coronavirus global pandemic, Michigan State University Extension remains committed to serving Michigan. MSU Extension has created a suite of online resources and programming, available on demand through its new Remote Learning and Resources online space. For traditional in-person programming affected by social distancing recommendations, MSU Extension is modifying and transitioning this programming to a digital space.

“Our educational teams are quickly ramping up their ability to offer virtual programming so we can continue to ensure individuals, families, farmers, business owners and communities get the information they need when they need it,” said Jeff Dwyer, director of MSU Extension.

The Remote Learning and Resources online space is a one-stop-shop for MSU Extension’s digital offerings and educational materials related to the current circumstances. Among the resources featured on the site are:

A listing of all MSU Extension virtual events — from family yoga sessions to lunch-and-learns for equine enthusiasts

A collection of free educational resources for parents and caregivers to keep children engaged in learning throughout the school break

Online learning opportunities for adults who may want to continue their own lifelong learning

A series of resources to help individuals stay



healthy and active during social distancing

A variety of educational articles related to topics such as dealing with family stress, talking to children about novel coronavirus and managing finances

As the response to the novel coronavirus pandemic evolves, MSU Extension will continue to add and curate digital resources to support individuals, businesses, communities and families in these challenging times.

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CDC, AVMA AND UNIVERSITY SHELTER MEDICINE PROGRAM RECOMMENDATIONS FOR INTAKE, HOUSING, AND CARE OF ANIMALS FROM COVID-19 HOUSEHOLDS

On March 30, 2020, the Centers for Disease Control (CDC) and American Veterinary Medical Association (AVMA), in collaboration with several shelter medicine programs, published interim recommendations for shelter intake of companion animals from households where humans with COVID-19 are present (referred to here as the "Interim Recommendations") [i] to help keep animals and people healthy during the COVID-19 crisis [ii].



Here, we provide a summary of key recommendations, along with practical tips for shelters to use these guidelines to implement practical protocols that best ensure animal and human health during the highly challenging circumstances of this global pandemic. Note that this information, like the recommendations, contains guidelines and not legal mandates. Therefore, shelters retain discretion to tailor their practices (consistent with controlling law) to take into account their own operational considerations.

There Is No Current Evidence of Companion Animals Spreading COVID-19

The Interim Recommendations make clear that there is no current evidence of companion animals spreading COVID-19 and that spread of the virus is the result of person-to-person transmission; therefore, whenever possible, it is preferable for companion animals to remain at home with their human families, which has the benefit of promoting both human and animal health and welfare, particularly in times of great upheaval. Keeping people and pets together also helps ensure that animal shelter resources are reserved to care for pets who truly have no other options. Additionally, the World Organisation for Animal Health (OIE) notes that "there is no justification in taking measures against companion animals that may compromise their welfare," which according to the Interim Recommendations includes "harming them or abandoning them based on unfounded fears over COVID-19."

While the risks of COVID-19 transmission from contact with companion animals coming from homes affected by the virus are considered very low, it remains prudent for shelters to follow general infection prevention and control measures. It is also important to note that these recommendations will change as new information becomes available.

Shelters are well positioned to provide guidance to pet owners in their communities so they can plan ahead. Some key points to share include:

Urge pet owners to incorporate pets into their preparedness plans.

Individuals impacted by COVID-19 can and should keep their pets with them while they are in home quarantine, as recommended by CDC, WHO, AVMA, OIE, WSAVA and others;

They should have another member of the household provide care for animals, if possible; where that isn't possible, they should limit close contact with their pets, wash their hands regularly and wear a facemask while caring for their animals.

In addition to stocking up on essential supplies such as pet food and medications, pet owners should make contingency plans with family, friends or neighbors, so that they have someone who can provide care for their pet if they are unable to do so -either in the owner's home or by temporarily relocating the animal to the temporary caretaker's home, a boarding kennel or veterinary office.

When it's not possible for a pet to stay in the home and where other options have been exhausted, temporary relocation to a shelter may be necessary. The recommendations note that, where a companion animal has been in contact with a person known or suspected to have COVID-19, the greatest risk of exposure to staff, volunteers, and the public comes not from the animals but from person-to-person contact.

The key recommendations include:

- Companion Animals and the Spread of COVID-19
 - Precautions for Removal from Homes, Exams, Treatment & Housing
 - Animal Handling Safeguards
 - Cleaning & Disinfection
 - Routine Testing Recommendations
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 - People with chronic lung disease or moderate to severe asthma
 - People who have serious heart conditions
 - People who are immunocompromised
 - Many conditions can cause a person to be immunocompromised, including cancer treatment, smoking, bone marrow or organ transplantation, immune deficiencies, poorly controlled HIV or AIDS, and prolonged use of corticosteroids and other immune weakening medications.
 - People with severe obesity (body mass index [BMI] of 40 or higher)
 - People with diabetes
 - People with chronic kidney disease undergoing dialysis
 - People with liver disease

Here's What You Can do to Help Protect Yourself

- Stay home** if possible.
- Wash your hands** often.
- Avoid close contact** (6 feet, which is about two arm lengths) with people who are sick.
- Clean and disinfect** frequently touched surfaces.
- Avoid all cruise travel** and non-essential air travel.

Call your healthcare professional if you are sick.
For more information on steps you can take to protect yourself, see CDC's [How to Protect Yourself](#)



cdc.gov/coronavirus

P.O.D. IT, DON'T FLUSH IT!

What can I dispose of in the Collection Boxes?

Items Accepted

- Prescription Drugs (Including controlled substances)
- Over-the-counter (OTC) Medicines
- Pet Medicines
- Nutritional Supplements and Vitamins
- Medicated Ointments and Lotions
- Liquid Medications in Sealed Containers or Plastic Bags

Items NOT Accepted

- Needles, Lancets or Pen Needles (ANY Sharps)
- Aerosol Cans
- Bloody or Infectious Waste
- Hydrogen Peroxide
- Thermometers
- IV Bags
- Trash
- Mail

Where can I dispose of my unused medications?

Place your medications in the secure POD collection boxes at these locations.

ANTRIM COUNTY

Antrim County Sheriff's Office - Administration Office
107 Grove Street, Bellaire, MI 49615 - 231-533-8627

Elk Rapids Police Department
321 Bridge Street, Elk Rapids, MI 49629 - 231-264-6592

CHARLEVOIX COUNTY

Boyne City - City Hall
319 North Lake Street, Boyne City, MI 49712 - 231-582-6611

Charlevoix County Sheriff's Office - Jail Entrance
1000 Grant Street Charlevoix, MI 49720 - 231-547-4461

City of Charlevoix Police Department
210 State Street Charlevoix, MI 49720 - 231-547-3258

Charlevoix County Sheriff's Office - Beaver Island
37830 Kings Highway, Beaver Island, MI 49782 - 231-448-2700

City of East Jordan Police Department
326 Main Street, East Jordan, MI 49727 - 231-536-2273

CHEBOYGAN COUNTY

Cheboygan County Sheriff - Department County Building
870 S. Main Street Cheboygan, MI 49721 - 231-627-3155

Cheboygan Department of Public Safety - Cheboygan City Hall
403 N. Huron Street Cheboygan, MI 49721 - 231-627-4321

Mackinaw City Police Department - Village Hall
102 S. Huron Avenue Mackinaw City, MI 49701 - 231-436-7861

Tuscarora Township Police Department
3546 Sturgeon Avenue Indian River, MI 49749 - 231-238-9481

EMMET COUNTY

City of Petoskey Department of Public Safety - Lobby of City Hall
101 East Lake Street, Petoskey, MI 49770 - 231-347-2500

City of Petoskey Dept. of Public Safety Station West Bay Harbor
3625 Charlevoix Avenue Petoskey, MI 49770 - 231-347-4642

Emmet County Sheriff's Office - Jeffery P. Bodzick
Administrative Office and Correctional Facility -Jail Entrance
450 Bay Street, Petoskey, MI 49770 - 231-439-8900

Emmet County Sheriff's Office - Richard L. Zink Law Enforcement Center
3460 Harbor-Petoskey Road, Harbor Springs, MI 49740 (231) 439-8900

Harbor Springs Police Department
170 Zoll Street, Harbor Springs, MI 49770 - 231-526-6211

Little Traverse Bay Bands of Odawa Indians - Tribal Police Department
911 Spring Street, Petoskey, MI 49770 - 231-242-1574

GRAND TRAVERSE COUNTY

Grand Traverse County Sheriff -
Traverse City Police Department Law Enforcement Center
851 Woodmere Avenue, Traverse City, MI 49686 - 231-995-5001

MACKINAW COUNTY

City of St. Ignace Police Department
396 N. State Street, St. Ignace, MI 49871 - 906-643-6077

Mackinac County Sheriff's Office
100 South Marley Street, St. Ignace, MI 49871 - 906-643-1911

For more information, call Tip of the Mitt Watershed Council at 231-347-1181 or visit www.watershedcouncil.org



Google Classroom

Need help? For support and guidance using Google Classroom visit:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=xfgqtCi7hdo>

COVID-19 Resources for Indian Country - A NEW RESOURCE FOR INDIAN COUNTRY

The National Congress of American Indians (NCAI) announces a new website that features the latest information on legislative and administrative updates and trusted resources on COVID-19 for tribal nations.



National Congress of American Indians

Visit <http://www.ncai.org/COVID-19>

ENCOURAGING WORDS IN OJIBWE

Ginibwaakaa
You are smart

Gigotaamigiz
You are a good worker

Niminwendam omaa ayaayan
I am happy you are here

Gidapiitendaagoz
You are important

Giwiidookaage
You help people

Gidebweyemin
I believe in you

Gidapiitenimin
I value you

Ginitaa-bizindam
You are a good listener

"Healing Prayer for the Water"
Painting by LeAnne "Kalihiyoshta" Thompson
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WHAT YOU NEED TO KNOW ABOUT THE FEDERAL COVID-19 RELIEF BILL



By Sarah Walters, *Indian Country Today*

Indian Health Service will receive \$1.032 billion for medical services, equipment, supplies and public health education

Last week, the U.S. Congress passed the largest spending bill of its kind in history: more than \$2 trillion to keep the economy afloat as the coronavirus pandemic shuts down businesses, schools, and normal activity across many parts of the globe.

The legislation — which follows two previous bills intended to expand coronavirus testing and expand paid sick leave protections — includes many important provisions that will impact the way tribes can respond to the pandemic.

The law helps enable Indian tribes and tribally-owned businesses to prepare for and respond to the unique human and economic challenges presented by the COVID-19 pandemic. Now that the law has been enacted, it will be up to tribes to work with federal agencies to ensure that implementation of the CARES Act is as efficient as possible under very challenging circumstances.

Here's what you need to know:

1. The CARES Act gives tribes and tribally-owned businesses access to \$8 billion to support COVID-19 response

Tribes rely on large portions of the \$50+ billion a year tribal businesses generate in economic activity to fund essential government services, such as health care, education, public safety, housing, and social services. The COVID-19 pandemic has shut down many tribal businesses, leaving tribal governments with a major gap in funding. The \$8 billion relief fund is reserved for tribal governments and tribally-owned entities to use for expenditures incurred due to the COVID-19 public health emergency due to revenue declines and shutdowns. The Treasury Secretary will disburse the fund based on identified needs and in consultation with the Secretary of the Interior and Indian tribes. Tribes must be active in the coming days in shaping the funding formula and ensuring a swift distribution of funds. They should engage with the Department of the Interior as well as the Department of the Treasury to make sure the funding method the feds select works for Indian country and provides open access to all \$8 billion.

2. It will provide tribes and tribally-owned businesses with resources to support workers

Indian tribes can be reimbursed for half of their incurred unemployment benefit costs through December 31, 2020. Tribes will be eligible for the Small Business Act Section 7(a) Paycheck Protection Program as well. Tribes should work with their employment experts, human resources departments, and the Small Business Administration to take advantage of these programs and ensure that employees and tribal governments are bolstered from the impacts of stay-at-home orders and social distancing measures.

3. The Indian Health Service will receive \$1.032 billion

... for medical services, equipment, supplies and public health education for direct service, tribally operated and urban Indian health care facilities, as well as funding for referred care and other benefits. IHS has been critically underfunded for many years and cannot sustain a surge in emergency room visits, hospitalizations, and other needs without additional resources. Tribes should contact their local or regional IHS facilities to find out what additional resources they have and the measures they are taking to combat COVID-19. Tribes with clinics, as well as urban Indian health clinics, will need to work with the Department of Health and Human Services to ensure an organized and timely distribution of funds.

4. Additional public health funding will help tribes to respond to the pandemic

The bill includes \$125 million in grants from the CDC for tribes to respond to the coronavirus. Another \$15 million is available to tribes, tribal organizations, urban Indian health organizations, or tribal health or behavioral health service providers, and the

Public Health and Social Services Emergency Fund will provide an additional \$15 million to tribes for COVID-19 response. \$25 million will go to the Distance Learning and Telemedicine Program for grants to tribes for equipment and broadband. Guidelines for grant funding will be forthcoming. Tribes should try to prepare as much as possible now so that they can apply as soon as funding becomes available.

5. It provides \$120 million in nutrition assistance

The Food Distribution Program for Indian Reservations will receive \$100 million to provide USDA commodity foods to low-income households on Indian reservations, and \$20 million is provided for nutrition services to American Indians, Alaska Natives, and Native Hawaiian elders under the Older Americans Act. Indian reservations suffer high rates of food insecurity vis-à-vis the national average. In addition, many reservations are considered food deserts, where access to fresh produce and nutrient-rich food is scarce.

6. The Bureau of Indian Affairs will receive \$453 million

... to provide aid to tribal governments; support welfare assistance and social service programs, including assistance to tribal members affected by the coronavirus crisis; expand public safety and emergency response capabilities; increase BIA capacity for teleworking so the agency is better prepared to assist tribes, and meet increased staffing and overtime costs. Tribes will need to work with the Office of the Assistant Secretary – Indian Affairs, as well as the BIA, to ensure that additional funds are distributed to tribal programs efficiently and equitably.

7. The Bureau of Indian Education will receive \$69 million

... for coronavirus response, and access to \$153.75 million in set-aside funds for BIE programs. The Indian Child Care Block Grant will receive \$70 - \$96 million to help defray coronavirus response costs, including for continued payments to child care providers even when they are unable to work. Those tribes with BIE-operated schools, as well as those running BIE-funded schools, will need to work with the BIE to help them determine equitable funding allocations.

8. Housing programs will receive a needed boost to help reduce overcrowding and improve living conditions

The act includes \$300 million across housing-related block grant programs for COVID-19 response and an additional \$100 million for the Broadband Loan and Grant Program to improve connectivity. Infrastructure development of housing and utilities in Indian Country lags far behind other American communities. Indian country needs approximately 68,000 additional housing units, while current funding provides only about 1,000 units to be built per year. Further, 9% of housing on Indian reservations and 25% of housing in Alaska Native villages still lack complete plumbing or running water compared to an average of .5% for the country. Overcrowded homes also remain a major issue, which could contribute to the spread of COVID-19 — 14% of Indians living on reservations and 27% of Natives in Alaska villages live in overcrowded conditions, compared to 3% across the country.

The CARES Act is an unprecedented relief package and, while not completely ameliorating the economic and human impacts of the coronavirus, will help many communities survive. Tribal communities, which are often viewed as remote or disconnected, are already experiencing the devastating impacts of the pandemic.

The CARES Act provides significant benefits to tribal governments, healthcare providers, and citizens. Tribes must continue to work closely with federal agencies to implement the provisions of the Act in a way that makes sense for their communities and provides the maximum amount of flexibility in the distribution of funding.

Federal agencies will now be tasked with pushing out guidance and setting up funding mechanisms under extremely difficult circumstances—they have been affected by COVID-19, too. Tribes should help their federal partners to provide adequate guidance and push funding out as quickly as possible. As the COVID-19 crisis continues to unfold, everyone will be required to adapt to changing circumstances and work under novel conditions. This crisis provides an opportunity for tribes and federal agencies to work closely together and to take care of each other. We are all up to the task.

Sarah Walters is a shareholder at Brownstein Hyatt Farber Schreck. She is a member of the Cheyenne River Sioux Tribe. Walters has served at the Department of the Interior, the National Indian Gaming Commission, and as an attorney at the Department of Justice.

MICHELLE CHINGWA EDUCATION HONORARIUM (MCEH)

THE MCEH ACT IS ENACTED TO PROVIDE A GIFT TO TRIBAL CITIZENS THAT ARE OBTAINING POST-SECONDARY EDUCATIONAL OPPORTUNITIES.

- HONORARIUMS ARE SENT DIRECTLY TO THE STUDENT
- STUDENTS ARE ELIGIBLE TO USE THE MCEH WHILE ATTENDING FOREIGN INSTITUTIONS
- STUDENTS ARE NO LONGER REQUIRED TO COMPLETE THE FAFSA

IMPORTANT DEADLINES

October 1st FALL	February 15th WINTER / SPRING	June 15th SUMMER
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*Deadline for non-standard terms are 30 days after the start of classes.

ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA FOR MCEH

- LTBB TRIBAL CITIZEN
- ENROLLED IN AN ACCREDITED SCHOOL
- CUMULATIVE GPA OF 2.0 OR ABOVE
- COMPLETE MCEH SUBMISSION

2019-2020 SCHOLARSHIP CYCLES OPENING!

Check out the updated list of outside scholarships that are available on the LTBB website. The list will be updated monthly!

LTBB EDUCATION'S TEXT MESSAGE ALERTS

Little Traverse Bay Bands Of Odawa Indians 1h ago

- Want to be updated everytime there is an event?
- Stay updated with our text message alerts!
- Receive information on events, news, updates and more...

Text one of the keywords listed below to 33222 in order to sign up for updates from that department!

- LTBB—General updates from the Education Dept. & the Cultural Library
- WIOA—Updates from WIOA: Employment and Training Services
- WOCETP—Updates from Waganawising Odawa Career and Technical Education Program.
- #12—Updates from LTBB K-12 Services
- WOCHEEC—Updates from Higher Educational Services.
- ODJHRA—Updates from Cultural Services.

*Standard messaging & data rates may apply.

TRIBAL COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES



In accordance with law and policy, Elders Comment/Public Comment as recorded in the minutes will contain the name of the Citizen or "Immediate Family" or "Family member" and only the subject matter brought by the individual. No attempt will be made by the Legislative Branch to summarize the comments. Written public comments will be accepted by the Legislative Office. Written comments shall be attached to the official approved minutes housed in the Legislative Branch. Written comments are not published, however shall be open to review within the Legislative Office in accordance with any laws regarding such documents.

The Little Traverse Bay Bands of Odawa Indians Tribal Council Chambers 7500 Odawa Circle Harbor Springs, MI 49740 Tribal Council Regular Meeting February 20, 2020

Call to Order: 9:01 a.m.

Opening ceremony: Councilor Melissa Pamp

Closed Session: No

Council Present: Councilor Fred Kiogima, Councilor Melissa Pamp, Councilor Leroy Shomin, Secretary Julie Shananaquet, Legislative Leader Emily Proctor

Absent: Councilor Fred Harrington Jr., Councilor Tamara Kiogima, Councilor Marty Van De Car, Treasurer Marcella Reyes

Legislative Office Staff Present: Legislative Services Attorney Donna Budnick, Senior Financial Analyst Rachel Cope, Legislative Administrative Assistant Linda Gokee

Corporate Charters Present: Ziibimijwang, Inc. Kafui Ojai Adjei and Rosebud Schneider

Executive Officials and Staff Present: Executive Director- Unit II Daugherty "Duffy" Johnson, Human Resources Generalist Rose Pyant, Chief Financial Officer Carrie Carlson, Purchasing Technician Natawnee Mickalacki, Housing Administrative Assistant Hunter Johnson, Health Department Office Manager Cathy Bradley, Health Information Manager Kristin Haley, Dennis Lawrence PsyD (Clinical Psychologist), Nitaazhi-toojik Industrial Training Project Director Kerstine Bennington, and Communications Coordinator Annette VanDeCar.

Judicial Officials and Staff: none

Public: Doug Emery

Invited Guest: none

Motion made by Secretary Julie Shananaquet and supported by Councilor Melissa Pamp to adopt the agenda for February 20, 2020 as amended.

Vote: 5 - Yes, 0 - No, - Abstained, 4 - Absent (Councilor Fred Harrington Jr., Councilor Tamara Kiogima, Councilor Marty Van De Car, Treasurer Marcella Reyes)

Motion carried.

9:06 a.m. Councilor Fred Harrington Jr. arrives

Motion made by Secretary Julie Shananaquet and supported by Legislative Leader Emily Proctor to dedicate this meeting in honor of the following Tribal Citizens who have walked on: Dawn Noack, Shirley Startup, Mildred LaDuke, Donald Root Jr., Arvella Ten Brink, Mary Hoar (pronounced Oar), Russell Green, Richard Gasco, Donald Chippewa Sr., Wayne Gasco, and Susanne Yates.

Vote: 6 - Yes, 0 - No, - Abstained, 3 - Absent (Councilor Tamara Kiogima, Councilor Marty Van De Car, Treasurer Marcella Reyes)

Motion carried.

Motion made by Secretary Julie Shananaquet and supported by Councilor Melissa Pamp to approve the Regular Meeting minutes of February 6, 2020 as corrected.

Vote: 6 - Yes, 0 - No, - Abstained, 3 - Absent (Councilor Tamara Kiogima, Councilor Marty Van De Car, Treasurer Marcella Reyes)

Motion carried.

Tribal Council Officer Reports:

Legislative Leader Report

Met with the Executive office regarding Law Enforcement Duties and Obligations on Trust Land. Further discussions held at the Tuesday, February, 2020 Tribal Council Work Session.

Met with Office Manager Michele Portman-LaCount regarding Administrative duties and Employee PTO

Attended both the Appropriations & Finance and Land & Reservation Committee Meetings held in February.

Attended the Tribal State Forum on February 19, 2020 in Lansing, MI. This forum is a meeting for Tribal liaisons with state officials, Line 5, and general exclusion from the State of Michigan.

Motion made by Councilor Fred Harrington Jr. and supported by Councilor Leroy Shomin to accept Legislative Leader Proctor's verbal and written report for February 20, 2020.

Vote: 6 - Yes, 0 - No, - Abstained, 3 - Absent (Councilor Tamara Kiogima, Councilor Marty Van De Car, Treasurer

Marcella Reyes)

Motion carried.

Secretary Report

Documents Delivered to the Executive

The following Tribal Resolution's/Statutes were signed by the Executive:

-Tribal Resolution Six-Month Delay in the Transfer of Funds in the Excess of "Three Year Free Play Amount" was signed 02/07/2020.

-Tribal Government Formulation and Modification Statute was signed 02/10/2020

Vetoes (a vote of Tribal Council to override a veto shall occur within 90-days of the veto):

- Amendment to Waganakising Odawak Statute 2018-016 Gaming Authority Statute VETOED on 02/07/2020.

-Gaming Regulatory Statute VETOED on 02/11/2020

Phone Polls passed by Tribal Council: none

Motion made by Councilor Fred Harrington Jr. and supported by Councilor Fred Kiogima to accept Secretary Shananaquet's verbal and written report as provided on the agenda for February 20, 2020.

Vote: 6 - Yes, 0 - No, - Abstained, 3 - Absent (Councilor Tamara Kiogima, Councilor Marty Van De Car, Treasurer Marcella Reyes)

Motion carried.

Treasurer Report

Appropriations and Finance Committee

-Last Meeting: February 11, 2020

(Motions made at Appropriations and Finance Committee Meeting)

-Motion made by Councilor Leroy Shomin and supported by Treasurer Marcella Reyes to

recommend to Tribal Council to approve Ziibimijwang, Inc. FY 2020 Budget.

Vote: 2 Yes, 0 No, 0 Abstain, 1 Absent (Secretary Julie Shananaquet)

Motion carried.

-Motion made by Councilor Leroy Shomin and supported by Treasurer Marcella Reyes to

recommend to Tribal Council to approve Tribal Resolution Supplemental funding for

Ziibimijwang, Inc. in the amount of \$244,440.

Vote: 2 Yes, 0 No, 0 Abstain, 1 Absent (Secretary Julie Shananaquet)

Motion carried.

-Motion made by Councilor Leroy Shomin and supported by Treasurer Marcella Reyes to

recommend to Tribal Council to approve Odawa Economic Affairs Holding Corporation's

FY 2020 1st Quarter Budget.

Vote: 2 Yes, 0 No, 0 Abstain, 1 Absent (Secretary Julie Shananaquet)

Motion carried.

-Next Meeting: March 17, 2020 at 9:00 a.m. in Council Chambers

Phone Polls passed by Appropriations and Finance Committee: none

Motion made by Secretary Julie Shananaquet and supported by Councilor Fred Harrington Jr. to accept the Appropriations and Finance Committee verbal and written report as provided on the agenda by Councilor Leroy Shomin, Committee Member for February 20, 2020.

Vote: 6 - Yes, 0 - No, - Abstained, 3 - Absent (Councilor Tamara Kiogima, Councilor Marty Van De Car, Treasurer Marcella Reyes)

Motion carried.

Land and Reservation Committee

-Last Meeting: February 14, 2020

(Motions made at Land and Reservation Committee Meeting)

-Motion Councilor Fred Kiogima and supported by Legislative Leader Emily Proctor to recommend to Tribal Council to assign Land Parcel #126 to Odawa Economic Development Management, Inc. for the purpose of possibly pursuing as economic development.

Vote: 2 - Yes, 0 - No, 0 - Abstain, 1 - Absent (Treasurer Marcella Reyes)

Motion carried.

-Next Meeting: Friday, March 6, 2020 at 9:00 a.m. in Council Chambers

Phone Polls passed by Land and Reservation Committee: none

Motion made by Secretary Julie Shananaquet and supported by Councilor Melissa Pamp to accept the Land and Reservation Committee verbal and written report as provided on the agenda by

Councilor Fred Kiogima, Committee Secretary for February 20, 2020.

Vote: 6 - Yes, 0 - No, - Abstained, 3 - Absent (Councilor Tamara Kiogima, Councilor Marty Van De Car, Treasurer Marcella Reyes)

Motion carried.

Executive Oversight Report:

Tribal Chair and Health Director Jody Werner are attending the United Tribes Meeting in Lansing, MI. Jody was invited to attend this year's meeting to talk about the success of the Tribes pharmacy.

Working on the FY 2021 Budget Executive Director- Unit I Phil Harmon is out of the office

Update on Lot 13. Working with Great Lakes Energy, have removed and sealed the skylights as they were leaking. It is the Executive's intention to have the house ready to go in thirty (30) days providing no other problems arise.

Questions from Tribal Council:

Tribal Council would like the Health Director to speak with Council in regards to after hour and weekend Urgent Care services in respect to treatment Tribal Citizens receive upon check in from business receptionists.

How long does it take the Tribal Chair to forward nominations to Tribal Council for Citizens interested in serving on charters and/or boards?

Would like Planning Director Aman-

9:35 a.m. Councilor Tamara Kiogima arrives

Tribal Council Member Reports: No reports

Legislative Office Reports:

Office of Finance and Revenue

i. Corporate Charters and/or Board Updates:

i-a. Traditional Tribal Burial Board. Inc. - No report

i-b. Odawa Economic Development Management, Inc. - No report

i-c. Ziibimijwang, Inc. - No report

i-d. Odawa Economic Affairs Holding Corporation, Inc. - No report

i-e. Odawa Construction Corporation, Inc. - No report

II. Senior Financial Analyst

White house opening.

Odawa Construction Corporation is working on obtaining their Employer Identification Number (EIN) in order to open a bank account.

Merrill Lynch would like to plan their annual visit in May 2020 to update Tribal Council on our investment accounts.

Crime renewal application for Tribal Council.

Budget Season.

Received a call from the Mid-American Real Estate regarding Walgreen's. It has been purchased by another individual.

Budget and expense questions for Appropriations and Finance Committee on March 17, 2020.

Would like to formally request the Executive for a report on the 2018 cyber-attack such as when was the claim filed, the cost of damages, has the claim been paid?

Questions by Tribal Council:
Larkin payment.

Fiber Optic funding.

Motion made by Councilor Fred Harrington Jr. and supported by Councilor Fred Kiogima to accept Sr Financial Analyst Rachel Cope's verbal and written report for February 20, 2020.

Vote: 7 - Yes, 0 - No, - Abstained, 2 - Absent (Councilor Marty Van De Car, Treasurer Marcella Reyes)

Motion carried.

Tribal Historic Preservation Officer -

No report

Legislative Services Attorney

Working with Stuart Fenton on Domestic Violence Statutes.

Codifying rules of evidence. Tribal Court uses federal rules of evidence.

Working on the annual Tribal Council report for the Community Meeting. Senior Financial Analyst Rachel Cope will be working with Treasurer Marcella Reyes on the Treasurers Report.

The Health Ad-hoc will meet next week. Waiting for data from Gallagher.

Motion made by Councilor Tamara Kiogima and supported by Councilor Leroy Shomin to acknowledge receipt of Legislative Services Attorney Donna Budnick's verbal and written report for February 20, 2020.

Vote: 7 - Yes, 0 - No, - Abstained, 2 - Absent (Councilor Marty Van De Car, Treasurer Marcella Reyes)

Motion carried.

General Counsel -

No report

10:04 a.m. Break

10:18 a.m. Resume

Legislative Office Manager -

No report

Tribal Council Action Items:

Motion made by Councilor Melissa Pamp and supported by Councilor Fred Kiogima to approve Ziibimijwang, Inc. FY 2020 Budget.

Vote: 5 - Yes, 0 - No, - Abstained, 4 - Absent (Councilor Fred Harrington Jr., Councilor Tamara Kiogima, Councilor Marty Van De Car, Treasurer Marcella Reyes)

Motion carried.

Motion made by Councilor Melissa Pamp and supported by Councilor Leroy Shomin to approve Odawa Economic Affairs Holding Corporation's FY 2020 1st Quarter Budget.

Vote: 5 - Yes, 0 - No, - Abstained, 4 - Absent (Councilor Fred Harrington Jr., Councilor Tamara Kiogima, Councilor Marty Van De Car, Treasurer Marcella Reyes)

Motion carried.

Motion made by Councilor Leroy Shomin and supported by Secretary Julie Shananaquet to authorize Treasurer Marcella Reyes to submit an application to Tribal First for the Great American Insurance Group/Crime Supplement-

tal Insurance Policy Renewal for Tribal Council.

Vote: 5 - Yes, 0 - No, - Abstained, 4 - Absent (Councilor Fred Harrington Jr., Councilor Tamara Kiogima, Councilor Marty Van De Car, Treasurer Marcella Reyes)

Motion carried.

Motion made by Councilor Leroy Shomin and supported by Councilor Melissa Pamp to assign Land Parcel #126 to Odawa Economic Development Management, Inc. for the purpose of possibly pursuing as economic development.

Vote: 5 - Yes, 0 - No, - Abstained, 4 - Absent (Councilor Fred Harrington Jr., Councilor Tamara Kiogima, Councilor Marty Van De Car, Treasurer Marcella Reyes)

Motion carried.

Motion made by Councilor Melissa Pamp and supported by Councilor Fred Kiogima to post the Domestic Violence Statute to the Legislative Calendar in the Odawa Register as sponsored by Councilor Marty Van De Car.

Vote: 5 - Yes, 0 - No, - Abstained, 4 - Absent (Councilor Fred Harrington Jr., Councilor Tamara Kiogima, Councilor Marty Van De Car, Treasurer Marcella Reyes)

Motion carried.

Motion made by Councilor Melissa Pamp and supported by Councilor Fred Kiogima to post Amendment to Waganakising Odawak Statute 2015-005 Victims' Rights Statute to the Legislative Calendar in the Odawa Register as sponsored by Councilor Marty Van De Car.

Vote: 5 - Yes, 0 - No, - Abstained, 4 - Absent (Councilor Fred Harrington Jr., Councilor Tamara Kiogima, Councilor Marty Van De Car, Treasurer Marcella Reyes)

Motion carried.

Motion made by Councilor Melissa Pamp and supported by Councilor Fred Kiogima to post Amendment to Waganakising Odawak Statute 2015-005 Victims' Rights Statute to the Legislative Calendar in the Odawa Register as sponsored by Councilor Marty Van De Car.

Vote: 5 - Yes, 0 - No, - Abstained, 4 - Absent (Councilor Fred Harrington Jr., Councilor Tamara Kiogima, Councilor Marty Van De Car, Treasurer Marcella Reyes)

Motion carried.

Motion made by Councilor Melissa Pamp and supported by Councilor Fred Kiogima to post Personal Protection Orders and No Contact Orders and Violations of Protective Orders Statute to the Legislative Calendar in the Odawa Register as sponsored by Councilor Marty Van De Car.

Vote: 5 - Yes, 0 - No, - Abstained, 4 - Absent (Councilor Fred Harrington Jr., Councilor Tamara Kiogima, Councilor Marty Van De Car, Treasurer Marcella Reyes)

Motion carried.

Motion made by Councilor Melissa Pamp and supported by Councilor Fred Kiogima to post Personal Protection Orders and No Contact Orders and Violations of Protective Orders Statute to the Legislative Calendar in the Odawa Register as sponsored by Councilor Marty Van De Car.

Vote: 5 - Yes, 0 - No, - Abstained, 4 - Absent (Councilor Fred Harrington Jr., Councilor Tamara Kiogima, Councilor Marty Van De Car, Treasurer Marcella Reyes)

Motion carried.

Motion made by Councilor Melissa Pamp and supported by Councilor Leroy Shomin to approve Citizenship List A-Eligible for Citizenship dated February 19, 2020 for a total of three (3).

Vote: 5 - Yes, 0 - No, - Abstained, 4 - Absent (Councilor Fred Harrington Jr., Councilor Tamara Kiogima, Councilor Marty Van De Car, Treasurer Marcella Reyes)

Motion carried.

Motion made by Councilor Leroy Shomin and supported by Legislative Leader Emily Proctor to approve Citizenship List B-Declination (Ineligible) dated February 19, 2020 for a total of one (1).

Vote: 5 - Yes, 0 - No, - Abstained, 4 - Absent (Councilor Fred Harrington Jr., Councilor Tamara Kiogima, Councilor Marty Van De Car, Treasurer Marcella Reyes)

Motion carried.

Motion made by Councilor Leroy Shomin and supported by Legislative Leader Emily Proctor to approve Citizenship List B-Declination (Ineligible) dated February 19, 2020 for a total of one (1).

Vote: 5 - Yes, 0 - No, - Abstained, 4 - Absent (Councilor Fred Harrington Jr., Councilor Tamara Kiogima, Councilor Marty Van De Car, Treasurer Marcella Reyes)

Motion carried.

Legislative Leader called for motion to adopt Tribal Resolution Supplemental funding for Ziibimijwang, Inc. in the amount of \$224,440 to come from the General Fund-Fund Balance restricted for Economic Development.

No action due to lack of motion and support.

Legislative Leader called for motion to pass Waganakising Odawak Statute Constitutionally Mandated Compensation for Election Board Members.

No action due to lack of motion and support.

Motion made by Secretary Julie Shananaquet and supported by Councilor Leroy Shomin to appoint Legislative Leader Emily Proctor, Councilor Tamara Kiogima, and Councilor Melissa Pamp to the Tribal Youth Ad-Hoc Council Committee.

Vote: 6 - Yes, 0 - No, - Abstained, 3 - Absent (Councilor Fred Harrington Jr., Councilor Marty Van De Car, Treasurer Marcella Reyes)

Motion carried.

Other Items of Business:

Gaming Authority - No report

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Tribal Council Meeting Dates

May 5 Work Session
May 7 Council Meeting
May 19 Work Session
May 21 Council Meeting

June 9 Work Session
June 11 Council Meeting
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All Tribal Council meetings and work sessions are held in the Tribal Council Chambers located at 7500 Odawa Circle, Harbor Springs, MI.

Legislative

Tribal Council Members

Emily Proctor, Legislative Leader
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Tamara Kiogima, Councilor
Leroy Shomin, Councilor
Melissa Pamp, Councilor
Marty Van De Car, Councilor
Fred Kiogima, Councilor
Frederick Harrington, Jr., Councilor

da Swiss to give update on EMGO/SRR and Tribal Transportation Funding.

Motion made by Councilor Leroy Shomin and supported by Councilor Melissa Pamp to acknowledge the verbal and written Executive Oversight Report as presented by Executive Director- Unit II Daugherty "Duffy" Johnson on February 20, 2020.

Vote: 6 - Yes, 0 - No, - Abstained, 3 - Absent (Councilor Tamara Kiogima, Councilor Marty Van De Car, Treasurer Marcella Reyes)

Motion carried.

9:30 a.m. Introduction of new Tribal Government Employees

Natawnee Mickalacki-Purchasing Technician

Hunter Johnson-Housing Administrative Assistant

Kristin Haley - Health Information Manager

Dennis Lawrence-Master's Level Counselor

Kerstine Bennington-NIT Project Director

9:31 a.m. Public Comment Opens

Tribal Elder Doug Emery commented he submitted his Letter of Interest and Resume for the Gaming Authority to the Tribal Chair. To date, his information has not been forwarded to Tribal Council for consideration. This is unfair practice by the Tribal Chairperson.

9:34 a.m. Public Comment Closed

“Minutes” continued from page 24.

Tribal Charters need to make sure their meeting dates, times, and locations are posted to the web calendar and to their respective web pages as Tribal Citizens would like to attend these meetings.

10:36 a.m. Public Comment Opens
Linda Gokee commented the need for the Executive Branch to explore after hour care and weekend Urgent Care services be provided by the Tribal Health Clinic as she and her minor son were treated badly by the receptionist at the facility she was directed to go to because she did not have a reference number. Minor child was not seen.

10:38 a.m. Public Comment Closed
Ziibimijwang, Inc. Kafui Ojai Adjei and Rosebud Schneider presented to Tribal Council their 2020 Farmer of the Year Award presented to Ziibimijwang Farm.

Adjournment
10:51 a.m. Motion made by Councilor Tamara Kiogima and supported by Councilor Leroy Shomin to adjourn.

Vote: 7 - Yes, 0 - No, - Abstained, 2 - Absent (Councilor Marty Van De Car, Treasurer Marcella Reyes)

Motion carried.
Next Scheduled Meeting
Thursday, March 12, 2020 at 9:00 a.m.
These Minutes have been read and are approved as corrected/written.

Julie Shananaquet, Tribal Council Secretary
Date

The Little Traverse Bay Bands of Odawa Indians Tribal Council Chambers
7500 Odawa Circle
Harbor Springs, MI 49740
Tribal Council
Special Meeting
March 3, 2020

Call to Order: **1:01 p.m.**
Opening ceremony: None
Closed Session: Yes

Council Present: Councilor Fred Kiogima, Councilor Tamara Kiogima, Councilor Melissa Pamp, Councilor Leroy Shomin, Councilor Marty Van De Car, Treasurer Marcella Reyes, Legislative Leader Emily Proctor

Absent: Councilor Fred Harrington Jr., Secretary Julie Shananaquet

Legislative Office Staff Present: Legislative Services Attorney Donna Budnick, Senior Financial Analyst Rachel Cope, General Counsel Jim Bransky, Legislative Administrative Assistant Linda Gokee, Office Manager Michele Portman-La-Count

Corporate Charters Present: Odawa Economic Affairs Holding Corporation Chair Greg Karlis

Executive Officials and Staff Present: None

Judicial Officials and Staff: None
Public: None

Invited Guest: None

Motion made by Treasurer Marcella Reyes and supported by Councilor Me-

lissa Pamp to adopt the agenda for March 3, 2020 as presented.

Vote: 7 - Yes, 0 - No, 0 - Abstained, 2 - Absent (Councilor Fred Harrington Jr., Secretary Julie Shananaquet) Motion carried.

1:03 p.m. Councilor Fred Harrington Jr. arrives

1:04 p.m. Motion made by Treasurer Marcella Reyes and supported by Councilor Leroy Shomin to Enter into Closed Session for Legal Business for Reservation Litigation.

Vote: 8 - Yes, 0 - No, 0 - Abstained, 1 - Absent (Secretary Julie Shananaquet) Motion carried.

2:17 p.m. Motion made by Treasurer Marcella Reyes and supported by Councilor Fred Harrington Jr. to return to Open Session.

Vote: 8 - Yes, 0 - No, 0 - Abstained, 1 - Absent (Secretary Julie Shananaquet) Motion carried.

Adjournment:
2:18 p.m. Motion made by Councilor Tamara Kiogima and supported by Councilor Leroy Shomin to adjourn.

Vote: 8 - Yes, 0 - No, 0 - Abstained, 1 - Absent (Secretary Julie Shananaquet) Motion carried.

Next Regular Tribal Council Meeting:
Thursday, March 12, 2020 at 9:00 a.m.

These Minutes have been read and are approved as corrected/written.

Julie Shananaquet, Tribal Council Secretary
Date



Little Traverse Bay Bands of Odawa Indians



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PAINTER AND ILLUSTRATOR DAVID SHANANAQUET'S TALENT IS UNLIMITED

Editor's note: LTBB Tribal Citizen David Lee Shananaquet, 64, walked on April 3, 2020. The following article, which ran in the April 2007 *Odawa Trails* newsletter, is reprinted in his memory.

By **Annette VanDeCar**, Communications Coordinator

Painter and illustrator David Shananaquet is not one to limit himself.

During his successful career, Shananaquet has created everything from paintings, murals, business logos, tribal flags, cartoon characters or caricatures and roccasins (Shananaquet uses a certain type of rock he finds in the Upper Peninsula of Michigan and paints on it to make it look like a moccasin).

“I can paint and draw almost anything,” said Shananaquet, an LTBB Tribal Citizen. “I am not afraid to try different things. I get a lot of satisfaction from doing something I’ve never done before.”

One of Shananaquet’s more unique paintings hangs in the Saginaw Chippewa Tribal Nation’s Ziibiwing Center in Mt. Pleasant, MI. It features car bingo from the 1960s.

“If I am commissioned to do a piece, I do what they ask,” Shananaquet said. “They wanted period cars from the 1960s, so I researched them to do the painting.”

One of Shananaquet’s larger works is an eight feet by 16 feet mural commissioned by the Nottawaseppi Huron Band of Potawatomi Indians.

“The mural had to do with the firekeeper’s,” Shananaquet said. “I did a past, present and future piece. I do paintings of all sizes.”

Six museums display Shananaquet’s work as well as a number of universities, tribal casinos and schools.

“What amazes me is he is so humble and laid-back,” said Julie Shananaquet, David’s sister. “He is so soft-spoken. He amazes the rest of the family.”

“Maybe, it makes his heart

smile inside, but he never wears it on his sleeve.”

David Shananaquet signs all of his work with his trademark feather that appears as part of the “q” in his last name. But even if he didn’t sign his work, you would know it was his.

“He has never gone with the trends like some artists have,” Julie Shananaquet said. “His art has a distinctive style. He believes in the circle of life. A lot of his work expresses his spirituality and spiritual beliefs. He prays to and gets his inspiration from the Creator.”

Although David Shananaquet’s work has varied themes, one of his favorite themes is children. His late grandmother, Angeline Shomin, instilled in him the importance of taking care of the children. He has two children of his own: Paul, 24, and Carly, 22.

“I want the kids to be inspired by looking at other Indian children,” David Shananaquet said. “I want to give them a sense of pride. I would like to teach Indian art.”

“I want to convey they go to the ceremonies, so they know what they are painting. I want them to understand what I am painting. It would make my message a lot clearer to them.”

Julie Shananaquet said their grandmother always stressed the importance of guarding and protecting your children because she lived in the boarding school era.

“Our grandmother was the matriarch of our family,” Julie Shananaquet said. “He (David) associates a lot with his grandma because he is a lot like her. He has his grandma’s personality. She had a lot of the same traditional beliefs he has.”

One of David Shananaquet’s favorite paintings is the wolf clan painting that hangs in the Tribal Courtroom at the LTBB Governmental Center in Harbor Springs, MI. It is one of seven clan paintings that hang in the courtroom. He was originally commissioned to do only the wolf painting, but the person who wanted the painting was

unable to purchase it.

“When the person reneged on buying it (the wolf painting), I kept going with the series,” David Shananaquet said. “They had mentioned they wanted artwork in the courtroom and had talked about doing a clan series. They liked the paintings when they saw them.”

David Shananaquet’s painting of an Indian mother and an Indian child hangs in the LTBB Health Clinic in Petoskey, MI, and his painting of an Indian man paddling in a canoe hangs on the second floor of the LTBB Governmental Center.

“I am proud of the fact they are in our tribal buildings,” David Shananaquet said. “My favorite is painting children. I always keep my grandmother in the back of my mind.”

David Shananaquet, 51, has been painting and drawing as long as he can remember. As an artist, he has evolved a lot over the years.

“The main thing is I am doing a lot more detailed work now,” David Shananaquet said. “I have worked under a magnifying glass for the past 10 years. It makes it easier to paint details.”

David Shananaquet is basically a self-taught artist although he learned some techniques from professional artists. He has done art instruction with grade school children.

“I’ve been doing artwork my whole life,” David Shananaquet said. “I sold my first piece at 13. I started doing it to entertain myself. We didn’t have much back then. We were poor. Poverty was my inspiration. My mom (Marie Shananaquet) always told me I was drawing and painting on walls and anything else I could get my hands on in the house. It was nice to be recognized as one of the best at something I did.”

“Mom said, ‘Do your best, and you will be one of the best.’”

David Shananaquet worked 15 years as an artist at Baker Furniture Factory, but is a full-time artist now, working at his Hopkins, MI, home. He averages 50-60 paintings a year.

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U.S. ATTORNEY'S OFFICE AND IRS WARN THE PUBLIC ABOUT SCAMMERS TARGETING ECONOMIC RELIEF PAYMENTS

Editor's note: The following is a Department of Justice press release dated April 2, 2020.



GRAND RAPIDS, MI – U.S. Attorney Andrew Birge and Sarah Kull, Special Agent in Charge of the Internal Revenue Service – Criminal Investigation Division (IRS-CI) in Detroit, warned West Michigan residents to watch out for scammers attempting to steal COVID-19 Economic Impact Payments.

“With relief payments coming soon, we want people to be mindful that scammers are out there looking for ways to get their hands on those checks and personal account information. Remain vigilant, warn your friends and family about COVID-19 scams and report suspected fraudulent activity to the federal hotlines,” said U.S. Attorney Birge.

“I urge the public not to fall victim to fraudsters attempting to steal Economic Impact Pay-

ments being sent out. The IRS will not call, text, email or otherwise contact you to ask for your information. This money is meant for you. Don't fall victim to scammers,” said IRS Special Agent in Charge Kull.

The Treasury Department and the IRS announced that distribution of Economic Impact Payments will begin in the next three weeks and will be distributed automatically, with no action required for most people. Information from the 2018 or 2019 tax return, if filed, will be used to calculate payment. Most individuals do not need to take any action. Social Security beneficiaries who are not typically required to file tax returns will not need to file to receive a payment. Instead, payments will be automatically deposited into their bank accounts. The IRS will calculate and automatically send payment to those eligible. The IRS will deposit the economic relief check into the direct deposit account previously provided in the tax returns. If banking information was not provided, the IRS will send a check via mail. The IRS will NOT contact anyone to request banking info, will not ask for confirmation of personal information to send or expedite an economic impact payment, or require payment of a fee.

If anyone receives a call

claiming to be from the IRS or any entity related to the Economic Impact Payment, the call is a scam and recipients should not engage with the scammer and absolutely should not give out bank account, debit account or PayPal account information--even if the person claims it is necessary to get the relief check.

It will take a few weeks before the Treasury mails out the Economic Impact Payments. If a person receives a “check” for an odd amount or a check that requires verification of the check online or by calling a number, it is a fraud. U.S. Attorney Birge and IRS Special Agent in Charge

Kull reminded everyone to be vigilant about promptly collecting mail from their mailbox in order to prevent the theft of any economic relief checks delivered there.

Don't be a victim! Visit www.irs.gov for the latest information on new scams and schemes. The IRS has set-up a “hotline” email address for Michigan residents to report fraud to the IRS: DetroitFieldOffice@ci.irs.gov To find out more about Department of Justice resources and information, please visit www.justice.gov/coronavirus. Residents can also report Suspected Fraud to the National Center for Disaster Fraud Hotline at 866-720-5721 and disaster@leo.gov.

Courtesy graphic.

IRS UPDATE

The tax filing due date is extended from April 15 to July 15. All taxpayers -- individuals, corporations, other non-corporate filers and those who pay self-employment tax -- can also defer income tax payments. See details at: www.irs.gov/coronavirus



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"Silent Killer" continued from page 1.
Agrilus planipennis. McCullough and her colleagues dubbed the metallic-colored beetle the "emerald ash borer," or EAB.

The researchers suspect the invasive insect was transported to the United States on wooden crates, pallets or dunnage. Indigenous to China and South Korea, EAB does not kill healthy Asian ash species. However, it can colonize all of the 16 ash tree species in North America, and is partial to black and green ash. The adult beetles that nibble on leaves aren't really the problem. Females lay eggs on the bark. When the eggs hatch, the larvae burrow into and feed on the inner bark, leaving trails that disrupt the tree's ability to transport water and nutrients.

Because the larvae's damage is hidden beneath bark, landowners often don't realize their trees have been infested until signs such as dying branches become apparent—which could be up to five years later. Many people are also unaware of or have ignored U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) quarantines barring the transport of ash trees, logs or firewood from infested states. As a result, this near-invisible invader has spread quickly. The Emerald Ash Borer Information Network reports the insect is now found in 35 states and the Canadian provinces of Ontario, Quebec, New Brunswick, Nova Scotia and Manitoba.

Nothing Quite Like It

Black ash occupies a unique ecological and cultural niche. It



can grow on well-drained stream edges and ridges but is also one of the few woody plants that thrive in wetlands and bogs. It supports a variety of plant-eating species, including Hercules and rhinoceros beetles, rare moths such as the Canadian sphinx and tadpoles, which feast on its fallen leaves. An average tree lives 35 to 100 years, but some can survive more than 200 years.

Native weavers in what is now the Great Lakes and Northeastern United States and eastern Canada have known for centuries that when it comes to a hard but flexible wood that can be coaxed, bent and twirled into a basket, nothing compares to black ash. Jennifer Neptune, a Penobscot basket maker from Maine's Indian Island who has been creating intricate baskets for 30 years, agrees: "I've tried different trees. There's nothing that can replace black ash." It is even part of the Penobscot people's creation story.

Adriana Greci Green is a curator of Indigenous Art of the Americas at The Fralin Museum

of Art at the University of Virginia. She explains that the sturdy wood of black ash was first used to create utilitarian baskets to carry food or other heavy objects. By the mid-19th century, settlers began buying laundry and shopping baskets from Native women who would sell door-to-door. Later, resort tourism in some towns developed a market for "fancy" baskets, ones decorated with complex curls or colored with dyes made from berries or other natural materials. In her Michigan community, says Dillard, "If you ate well or had new shoes for your kids, it was because you made baskets."

By early 20th century, more Native people were living in urban areas. While the Depression in the 1930s greatly reduced demand, many Native people still eked out a living with their weaving skills. But by the 1940s, other jobs, such as cleaning houses or factory work, paid more. Greci Green says, "getting the tree, hauling it out—young people didn't want to do that backbreaking work."

Another factor that impacted basket making was that beginning in the late 1800s and well into the 20th century, U.S. government officials forced American Indian children into boarding schools, where teachers forbade them to continue their cultural practices. "It's an amazing story that anyone recalls making baskets," Dillard says.

The Personality of an Ash

The process of making a black ash basket starts in the woods, usually a muddy swamp. While collecting a tree can be a family or a community affair, doing so is still no easy matter. "Any basket maker worth her salt has had her boots sucked off her feet," says Dillard laughing.

In the forest, you have to be able to identify not only a black ash, but a "basket-quality" tree, one that is at least 25 years old, straight and not full of blemishing knots. Once a good candidate is found, the gatherer will cut a small wedge from the trunk to make sure it shows at least eight growth rings and that they are wide enough to be split apart. If the tree is not appropriate, the hole will be patched with mud and the gatherer will move on.

However, if a choice tree is found, it is thanked for what it is about to offer. Dillard says she asks the tree for its permission to be taken and then tells it "they are going to love you. You are going to be in a new form."

After the tree is felled, it has to be cut into logs and carried out, often on a shoulder. To separate the annual growth rings, the log is laid down and its end pounded with the blunt end of an ax. The resulting strips are scored with a knife and fed into a "splitter," a tool made of two slabs of wood held between the legs. The strips are fed up through the splitter and pulled apart. Each has a rough and a smooth side. For fancy baskets, these will be smoothed and sometimes split into thinner splints for decoration. Before weaving, splints are moistened with water so they become pliable.

"Each tree has its own personality and you never know

what is going to happen or what it is going to be," says Dillard. The darker, inner brown wood might be used to weave a utilitarian basket or a colored pattern into a fancy basket, while the smooth side of the blonde sapwood will face outward. And the thinnest splints of wood will be reserved delicate decorations, such as curls or bows.

Dillard says that "from bush to basket and all the steps in between, it is a spiritual process." When she is weaving, she calls her ancestors home. "My body



is moving in the same motions that my ancestors have," she says. Each piece of wood is treated with respect. After a basket is finished, any unusable pieces are burned in a clean fire and blessed with tobacco.

Neptune says in her community, people take on different tasks in the basket-making process. The harvesting of trees is primarily taken on by men, while others, such as herself, gather materials such as decorative sweetgrass from the wetlands along the coast.

Church still harvests with her family. She says they used to be able to "drive 15 minutes any direction" and find a good tree. Now she says EAB has wiped out much of the ash in Michigan's Lower Peninsula—"we've lost the trees that are viable"—so they sometimes drive up to eight hours north to search for one.

Giving Baskets a Voice

With millions of ash trees at risk, so is much of Native basket making. Ash baskets are valuable time capsules: they capture a great range of distinct uses, styles and techniques and the materials used to create them reflect what is available at that time in the environment. Yet for this bounty of information to be unlocked, someone has to tell these baskets' stories.

Smithsonian's National Museum of the American Indian, National Museum of Natural History (NMNH) and Center for Folklife and Cultural Heritage have partnered on the Recovering Voices program to ensure that Native people who visit Smithsonian's vast collections can bring what they learn back to their communities. Since 2009, this initiative has enabled 35 groups from Indigenous communities around the globe to come to Washington, D.C., and interact with items related to their cultures in Smithsonian archives. The program "utilizes the best of both museums," says NMAI Collections Manager Kelly McHugh.

The Recovering Voices team arranges the groups' transportation and lodging, helps develop their research focus and video-

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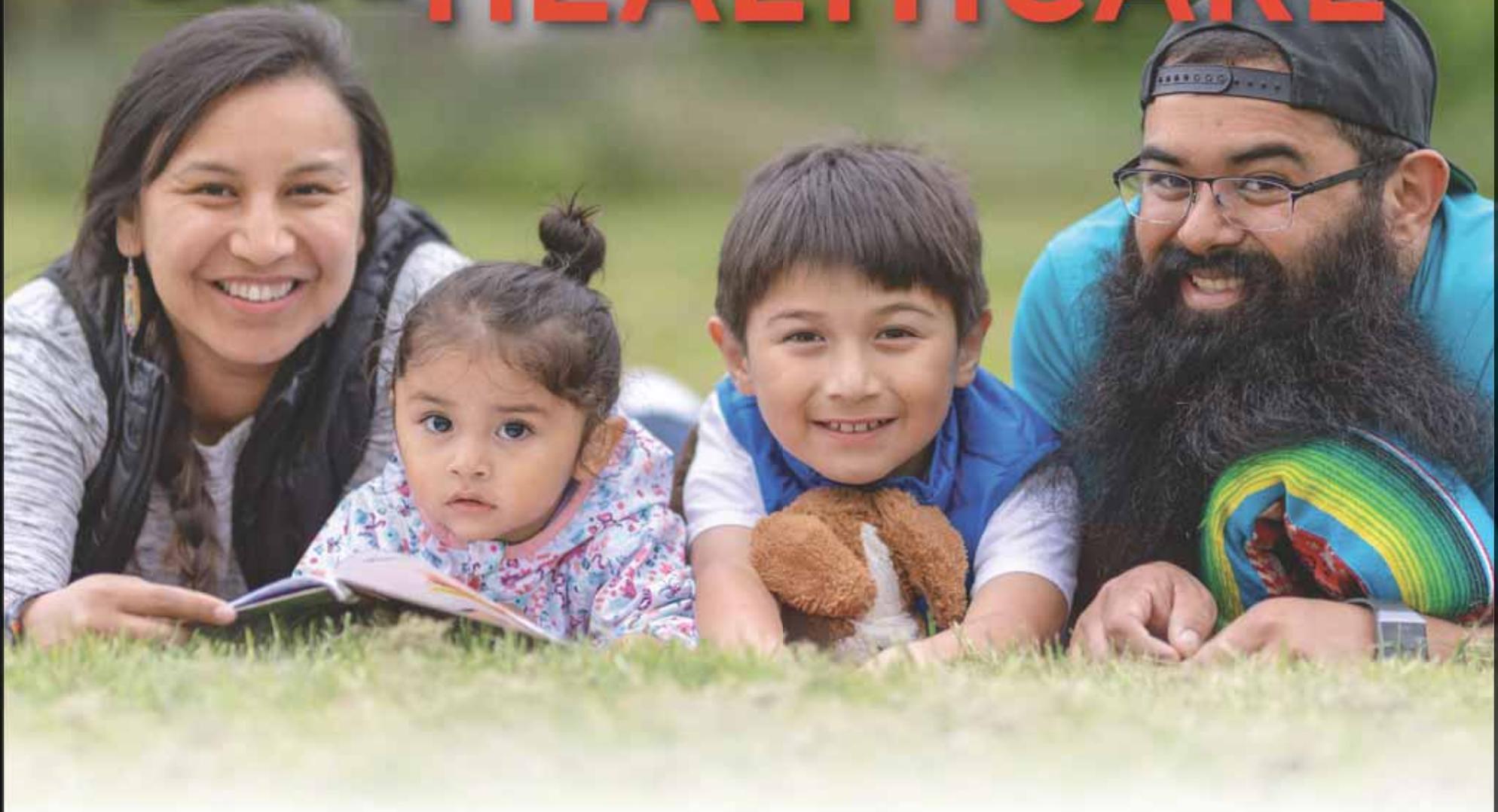
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- 3. Wash your hands**
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- 4. Clean off frequently touched items**
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- 5. Don't touch your face**
 Unless you wash your hands every time you use your phone, keyboard, or doorknob, the best way to avoid sickness is to touch your face less, according to a new paper published in the journal Clinical Infectious Diseases.
- 6. Closely monitor symptoms**
 Staying aware of how you are feeling throughout the flu season will help you to take preventative measures (such as taking extra Vitamin C) if you feel symptoms coming on. It can also help you adjust your activity levels to better prevent illness.
- 7. Get moderate exercise**
 Moderate exercise, in the long run, strengthens your immune system. However, intense workouts leave your body in a weakened state that also weakens your immune system. After intense workouts, your body is more susceptible to getting sick for a 72-hour window.
- 8. Get fresh air**
 Sometimes, sharing warm air inside an office or home can lead to getting sick. The air that's circulating in a closed space carries germs and bacteria that can infect you. So take a few minutes occasionally to get some fresh air, when it's a little chilly outside.
- 9. Stay home if you're sick**
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tapes and takes notes during their sessions with the objects so "they can be in the moment," says Emily Cain, the program's community research manager. They also receive a copy of the recordings and notes from the sessions. "It is vital for community members to spend time with their heritage objects and be able to record all of this knowledge," says Gwyneira Isaac, NMNH curator of North American Ethnology.



As part of Smithsonian's American Women's History Initiative, Isaac worked with the Recovering Voices team to enable Church, Parrish, Dillard and Neptune to visit NMAI's Cultural Research Center and NMNH last fall. At the two museums, they examined more than 140 baskets that were mostly from Ojibwe, Passamaquoddy, Penobscot, Mohawk and Seneca communities. Made of black and white ash, elm, basswood, bulrush and sweetgrass, they ranged from those that were more than century old to contemporary art pieces. During four days, the women were able to scrutinize every basket.

As some early records were incomplete, part of the mutual benefit of the program is that both the basket makers and the museum staff could collaborate to try to confirm any missing information, such as the materials used. Basket makers rarely signed their works before the second half of the 20th century, so some of the visiting women recognized an artist or a family by their particular techniques or styles. Other characteristics are indicative of the culture or region. For example, a "star flower" design on top might indicate the basket was from the Great Lakes, or feet on the basket might be a sign it was Anishinaabe. Curls often decorate Penobscot and other communities' fancy baskets. "Together, we were able to learn so much about the styles unique to our own areas," says Church.

Some baskets filled in a gap of information that might have been missing for decades. In the early 1900s, anthropologist Frank Speck collected many basswood baskets from Neptune's community, taking the knowledge of how they were made with him. "It makes a hole. People were doing it out of memory. Things made after that weren't as intricate," she says. Talking about one of the many such baskets that she found in the collection, she says, "To see that actual basket up close and the details. It was remarkable."

All of the weavers agreed that what they enjoyed most was being able to share their observations and skills. "It was really amazing to be with other weavers, looking at things together and seeing things through their eyes," says Neptune. Parrish adds, "It was fantastic to be in their presence and able to learn in the traditional way: through conversations with baskets in hand."

Church encourages others to come to NMAI's Cultural Resources Center to learn from the collections and keep basket making alive for their people and their ancestors. "I always believe they are with us," she says. "They are happy when we are still using the baskets."

"As you create a basket, you put in a lot of tradition and a piece of yourself or your spirit," explains Neptune. So being with the baskets, she says, "was like visiting old friends." When it was time to leave, she was a bit remorseful and told them goodbye. "I touched every Penobscot basket so they knew we were there."

For the Next Generation

Ironically, the insect that is devastating these basket makers' ash trees may be making them more determined to preserve their heritage. "We all have the emerald ash borer on our minds," says Church, who has been leading workshops about its destructive force for basket makers and the public ever since its discovery in Michigan.

On November 2, the women spent their last day together teaching about black ash basket making at

NMNH. Dillard and Neptune demonstrated how they make a black ash basket while Church and Parrish taught children and their families to make their own. All of the presenters talked about how their art is at risk from EAB and what everyone can do to help stop its spread, including learning how to inject their own trees with a targeted insecticide and not transporting firewood from ash trees.

The team's education efforts will continue in their communities and beyond. They are collaborating with Shelia Ransom from the Akwesasne Mohawk Nation in New York and Canada to create a set of flash cards that will feature photos of baskets in the collections, basket making techniques and related plants with descriptions in English and the Native languages Anishinaabemowin, Mohawk and Penobscot. EAB was found on Ransom's reservation in 2017. Tribal members have taken steps to combat it, including planting groves of basket-quality black ash.

Neptune also teaches dozens of young people in her community to make baskets each year and has been tapping into her large network to spread the word about EAB. She is a board member of the Abbe Museum (a Smithsonian Affiliate) and is the head of the Penobscot Nation Museum and the Maine Indian Basket Makers Alliance, which has more than 100 members. The alliance has partnered with the University of Maine and U.S. Forest Service to increase outreach about the beetle. Even so, EAB was discovered in Maine in 2018.

Recently, some hope for ash has emerged. Researchers have reported some green and white ash trees appear to not succumb to the beetle, and perhaps the genetic resistance of such "lingering ash" could be captured in a breeding program. Meanwhile, many tribes are working with the USDA Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service and U.S. Forest Service on "biocontrols," releasing Asian wasps that feed on EAB on their reservations. Woodpeckers also love the juicy bug and are devouring them—just not fast enough.

If all else fails, some tribal members, including Church, have collected hundreds of black ash seed samples, many of which have been sent to the USDA National Laboratory for Genetic Resources Preservation in Fort Collins, Colorado. Here they are stored frozen, awaiting the day that the EAB is no longer a threat and they can be replanted.

A Changed Landscape

The art of weaving inspired by black ash basketry may continue, although for some, it has taken on a different form. Dillard doesn't visit her favorite grove of ash trees anymore. "It is incredibly sad. There were acres and acres of ash, and it is all gone," she says. She now uses cedar and basswood to weave baskets and bags, and she is helping refurbish her community's meeting houses with bulrush mats. However, in her converted Amish barn studio, she still teaches basket making to anyone who wishes to learn. Recently, she wove with her 8-year-old granddaughter and 9-year-old grandson. "I just want them to remember how important that this is to our culture."

Church says the art of black ash basket making is far from dead. "You can still be living as you are dying." She is using some of her artworks to teach about the destructive power of EAB. To show the shortage of black ash, she started making baskets out of venetian blinds. Inside one of her other baskets modeled after an emerald Fabergé egg is a vial containing an adult ash borer and, as she calls it, "the bug's kryptonite"—a flash drive containing "all of the teachings you would need to bring back black ash basket making if they were ever lost."

Also a leading basket artist, Parrish says she hopes that "the current focus on sustainability will bring [black ash] products like baskets back into common household use, so that they may have more of a place outside of the art world again."

Meanwhile, Neptune is trying to remain optimistic and warns people not to panic and start cutting down their ash trees. "You can't give up all hope and destroy what you are trying to save," she says. "We have an obligation to that tree to do everything in our power to help it survive—for itself, our culture and our baskets." Black ash "is a metaphor for being Native," she says. "It is Indigenous. It is how we survived: being flexible, without breaking."

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Through,” and I was fortunate to work with Dave Runyan — the same producer out of Bellaire, MI, on “Breaking Out, Breaking Through” — on “Everywhere I Roam.” We tracked most of the songs during the summer last year and finished up the album in the beginning of this year in time for the April release date.

Runyan not only recorded, mixed and mastered the album, but also played bass guitar and arranged some string parts for one of the songs.

Other music friends of mine, including Mark Blaauw-Hara, Lara Fullford and Gary Bowling are

also featured on drums, percussion and female vocals. I filled out the majority of the songs with acoustic guitar, electric guitar vocals and some percussion.

The album came out on April 1, 2020, but is still available for streaming everywhere on services, including Spotify, Apple Music and more.

I’ll also have physical copies for sale with me when I go out to perform whenever I am able to again. However, in the meantime, you can find my music and more information about my solo music career on my Facebook page and Instagram at Sean Miller Music.

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GOVERNOR WHITMER SIGNS EXECUTIVE ORDER CHANGING CITY, STATE INCOME TAX FILING DEADLINES TO JULY 2020

Editor’s note: The following is from the office of Michigan Governor Gretchen Whitmer.

Governor Whitmer Signs Executive Order Changing City, State Income Tax Filing Deadlines to July 2020

Taxpayers Must Submit State and City of Detroit Income Tax Returns, Payments by Midnight on July 15

LANSING, Mich. – Today, Governor Gretchen Whitmer signed Executive Order 2020-26, which pushes all April 2020 state and city income tax filing deadlines in Michigan to July 2020, as a part of continued efforts to help Michiganders during the COVID-19 pandemic.

Effective immediately, state of Michigan and city of Detroit income tax returns and payments due on April 15 are now due before midnight on July 15. Other state of Michigan cities with income taxes due on April 15 will now be due on July 15, while cities with income taxes due on April 30 will now be due on July 31.

“Michiganders shouldn’t have to worry about filing their income taxes in the midst of a global pandemic,” said Governor Whitmer. “This executive order provides immediate income tax assistance to people as they continue to stay home and stay safe during this crisis. I will continue working around the clock to help



our families and businesses get through this time.”

The new filing and payment deadlines come after the Internal Revenue Service changed its deadline to July 15 to provide tax assistance due to the COVID-19 pandemic. For the benefit and convenience of taxpayers, both the beginning and end of the state of Michigan and city of Detroit income tax filing season are the same as the IRS.

“Our priority is for you to focus on your health, safety and welfare during this emergency,” State Treasurer Rachael Eubanks said. “Taxpayers now have more time to file their state and city income taxes. However, if you are entitled to a refund, please don’t wait to file your taxes so you can receive that refund.”

State and city of Detroit individual income tax returns can be filed online or mailed through the U.S. Postal Service. Tax returns received after the July 15

deadline may face penalties and interest.

“Keeping Detroiters safe and providing peace of mind is our top concern during this time,” said Dave Massaron, Detroit’s Chief Financial Officer. “We fully support this extension for the Detroit City income tax filing deadline and thank the Michigan Department of Treasury for implementing this change.”

Taxpayers can go to www.mifastfile.org to learn about available options for e-filing for free or for a fee. Last year, more than 4.3 million Michigan taxpayers e-filed, which is 80% of state income tax filers.

As a part of a partnership, the state Treasury Department has been processing city of Detroit income tax returns since the 2015 tax year. Taxpayers have the option to e-file their city of Detroit income tax return along with their state income tax return.

Due to the COVID-19 pandemic and Gov. Gretchen Whitmer’s “Stay Home, Stay Safe” executive order, the state Treasury Department’s Individual Income Tax Information Hotline is currently not available. Online services are still available through the Treasury Self-Service website.

To view Order 2020-26, go to <https://tinyurl.com/2020statetaxextension>.

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Ruth Ann McGraw, 77

Ruth Ann McGraw was born on May 22, 1942 in a tiny village known as Indian Town in Harbor Springs, MI. She walked on April 3, 2020. She is preceded in death by her beloved sisters, Rita Shepard and Linda Henderson; ex-husband and lifelong friend, Dennis P. McGraw; son-in-law, Creg Tierney; mother-in-law, Nadine McGraw; and nephew, Scott McGraw. Ruth is survived by her children; Kathy McGraw (Terry), Karen McGraw, Darren McGraw (Bonnie), Kimberlee Gurrizian (Darin), Daniel McGraw (Michelle), Alan McGraw (Amanda), James McGraw (Kel-

li) and Kristen McGraw (Jeff); her grandchildren; Corin Casha (Thomas), Todd McGraw (Megan), Ashley Gallaher, Connor Kroswek, Samantha Hock (David), Nicolas Gurrizian, Logan McGraw, Marissa Roach, Noah Gurrizian, Chase McGraw, Brandon Delisle, Tessa Cook, Kian Gurrizian, Owen McGraw, Hunter McGraw and Rippin McGraw; great-grandchildren, Rilan Cope, Penny Tierney, Parker Casha, Levi Hock, Ellah Gurrizian and Max Lucas; and extended family, Lauren Tierney, Ryan Tierney (Caitlin), Paul Lucas, Brian Lucas (Katelynn) and Danny and Tristen Finwell. Ruth Ann was first and foremost an adored mother of eight children, 22 grandchildren and six great-grandchildren. Her family legacy is her proudest accomplishment in life. She is also survived and loved by hundreds of dear friends and extended family, including her trusted dear friend and physician, Dr. Terry Samuels. Truly to know her was to love her. Her battle with cancer had by far been her greatest challenge in life. She faced it with grace, humor, dignity and sincere faith. Ruth Ann endured many adversities from a young age and overcame hardships

time after time. She was the true definition of courage, resilience and faced each challenge with strength and determination. She had a strong warrior spirit until the end. Her Christian memories from childhood would remain in her heart for the rest of her life. She was a devout Catholic and a member of Divine Child Church in Dearborn, MI. The true loves of her life were her beautiful sisters, Rita Shepard and Linda Henderson. They were separated as children and reconnected as adults. Their time together was short, but it was as if they were never separated. By God's grace, the three sisters are together again in heaven. Ruth Ann and her sisters were proud members of the Little Traverse Bay Bands of Odawa Indians. After raising and loving her family in southeastern Michigan for many years, it was her wish to return home after 77 years, and she will be laid to rest in Holy Childhood of Jesus Cemetery in Harbor Springs, MI. A graveside service will be held at a time beneficial to all family and friends. A mass in Dearborn, MI, will be announced at a later date with gathering of family and friends to follow at her long-time home on Glen St. in Westland, MI.

David Lee Shananaquet
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Artist Statement

I believe my mission to become a full-time artist has been realized. My art and my vision are of the most personal and valuable tools that I rely on. My art speaks for itself, and many of my pieces are untitled. I do not rely on labels nor do I try to title a work of art. I believe since my artwork is from the heart, it speaks for itself. My inspiration comes from within, and the spirit of expression is a gift. I try to focus my spirituality that comes from traditional teachings; the gifts of the seven grandfathers and the respect for life and Mother Earth.

I will always dedicate my work to the young people and the Seven Generations yet to follow.

"Shananaquet" continued from page 25.

"I wanted to try and make it on my own as an artist," David Shananaquet said. "I do all right between selling my art and being an arena director at pow wows."

His children, Paul and Carly, are both painters, and his wife of 25 years, Lorraine "Punkin" (Martin) Shananaquet does beadwork. Punkin Shananaquet, a member of the Match-E-Be-Nash-She-Wish Band of Pottawatomis, works as a Community Health Representative for her tribe and is a traditional dancer. Paul Shananaquet works part-time as a cultural instructor for Grand Rapids Public Schools and is a grass dancer. Carly Shananaquet is a student at Kalamazoo Valley Community College and is a jingle dress dancer.

"We do a lot of cultural presentations in the area, and we travel to Great Lakes pow wows," David Shananaquet said. "Both of my children are artistic. I taught them when they were young, and they sometimes help me on my bigger projects."

Punkin Shananaquet founded the Pink Shawl Project in 2003 in honor of her mother-in-law's battle with breast cancer. The project was designed to raise awareness of the disease, which is the leading cause of death among Native American women. The *Associated Press* wrote an article about the Pink Shawl Project in 2005.

David Shananaquet's father is Larry Shananaquet, an LTBB Tribal Citizen. His father taught him to play the guitar, and David Shananaquet plays mostly folk music.

"My dad plays anything with strings," David Shananaquet said.

David Shananaquet wanted to thank all of his family for always supporting him and his art.

Editor's note: David Shananaquet's artwork will be featured at the Native Skate "All Nations Skate Event" in Albuquerque, NM, the last weekend of April following the Gathering of Nations Pow wow.

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